



# Public Comments

**From:** [leslie keogh](#)  
**To:** [Atkins, Wendy](#)  
**Subject:** Chaix Family Vineyard Winery Permit  
**Date:** Monday, December 4, 2023 9:36:46 AM

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Dear Wendy,

My name is Leslie Chaix Keogh. I am one of the owners of Chaix Family Vineyard. I know you have heard from my sisters and our concerns about this winery permit that John Chaix is applying for. There is a dispute about this, as we are not receiving information about how this is being paid for or how it will be used. Right now, it seems that Chaix Family Vineyard will be paying for a winery/permit for Chaix Wines, which is a separate business owned by John Chaix and Kathy Chaix.

There are also other disputes in the ownership, as my sister Lynne is a legal manager for the Ed Chaix side of the family, but is not acknowledged by the Dean Chaix side.

I would ask that you considered not granting this permit.

Please keep me updated on the decision making .

Thank you,  
Leslie C Keogh

**From:** [Lynne Albrecht](#)  
**To:** [Atkins, Wendy](#)  
**Subject:** Chaix Family Vineyards Micro Winery permit  
**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2023 4:56:17 PM

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Hello Wendy,

My name is Lynne Albrecht. I am one of the owners of Chaix Family Vineyards. I believe you spoke with my sister, Connie Meyer, today,

Chaix Family Vineyards is owned by 8 people. Five are from one side of the Dean Chaix family, and three of us are from the Ed Chaix side. My sister Leslie Keogh, Connie Meyer, and myself are from the Ed Chaix side of the family. Unfortunately, my sisters and me are minority owners (33.02%). John Chaix decided to apply for the micro winery permit, but we were not consulted. He and his sister, Kathy Chaix have a separate wine business "Chaix Wines". They are requesting the micro permit to make their own wine for Chaix Wines. They are using Chaix Family Vineyards LLC money to create the winery operation for themselves and Chaix Wines. My sisters and me have always had concerns about separating these two businesses. John and Kathy use our common property to host events and market their business.

We want you to realize that there is a conflict of interest with this project. We have requested John provide us with more information about this project, including the plans, the costs, specifically who will be paying for it, and how all of the family members may use it. He has not provided that information yet. Here is information on the two separate companies:

**Chaix Family Vineyards LLC:**

Dean Chaix family members:

Dean Chaix  
Kathy Chaix  
Steve Chaix  
Lorene Gordon  
John Chaix

Ed Chaix Family members:

Leslie Keogh  
Lynne Albrecht  
Connie Meyer

**Chaix Wines:**

John Chaix  
Kathy Chaix

We would like you to understand that not all members wanted this project, and that the project will not benefit all of the members in the same way.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Lynne Albrecht  
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## Atkins, Wendy

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**From:** Connie Meyer <luckypenny626@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2024 9:14 AM  
**To:** Atkins, Wendy  
**Subject:** Public Comment, Chaix Family Vineyard Micro-Winery Use Permit,#P23-00223

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Dear Wendy,

If possible, could you please post my letter alongside my sisters' comments. Thank you.

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Connie Meyer, daughter of Ed Chaix (deceased), and I grew up at 1204 Manley Lane. I am now a shareholder of Chaix Family Vineyard LLC but I have not been a part of this permit application. My cousins who grew up in Menlo Park, John Chaix and Kathy Chaix, are fellow shareholders and also proprietors of a separate business - Chaix Wines. They purchase grapes from Chaix Family Vineyards, a ranch that now has all its farm and labor tasks performed by vineyard management company. The application for a micro-winery use permit is being made for the Chaix Family Vineyards company, however, the wines that will be tasted and sold at this winery will be for the Chaix Wines company.

That Chaix Wines wants to expand its business is not what I directly object to, but having to pay for the expansion is. We have posed questions to John asking for specifics about monetary division, shareholder property use, etc., but he replies those issues will be addressed after, and if, the permit is approved. Given that John has sole control of our funds and expenditures, I am not satisfied with his response.

I am asking that you deny the approval of this permit.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Constance C. Meyer