

Six Blocks Winery Public Hearing

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Amador Planning Commission

I am writing to you about the concerns that I have about the proposed winery and tasting room on Muller and Willow Creek Roads. I moved to this rural community for the peaceful lifestyle it provided my parents for the 20 years prior to their passing.

Willow Creek Ranch Estates is a small HOA that does not have deep pockets. The monies that I pay in HOA dues are used to maintain the roads within our community. With the increase in traffic that Google Maps or Waze will route through our community our roads will require additional maintenance that is not attributed to community use but that of the winery customers.

I reside on Carbondale; my road is not maintained by the HOA. I do not see that the county has provided any upkeep to Carbondale Road which with the hops grow and tasting room that is going in at Highway 16 and Carbondale (which I did not receive any notification requesting community input on) and now the proposed winery/tasting room at Muller and Willow Creek Roads will also bring additional traffic with road wear and tear.

My daughter's car has been run off the road multiple times by the workers traveling on Carbondale to the hops grow. I fear that additional construction and winery workers will use our roads to gain access to the property and have no regard for others sharing the roads. If this additional traffic has already brought unsafe travels to the community what might the impaired customers leaving these businesses bring to this small rural community.

I am a runner and regularly run in my community. I am concerned that due to elevation changes on our roads I may not been seen by a speeding car with an impaired driver leaving the tasting room. Ours is a community with active families that walk, run, ride our bikes and horses on these narrow roads. Our safety is of real concern.

The owners of the proposed winery have already brought additional costs to our HOA in our need to hire an attorney to represent us regarding the maintenance of Muller Road beyond our HOA boundary. This matter was brought to us with no mention of a proposed business that would be benefiting from the improvements requested.

I oppose the winery and tasting room business being built adjacent to our community. The negative impactive on our property values, our lives and our homes. Further we do not want the negative impacts that a commercial business will bring:

- 1. Increased traffic
- 2. Increased noise
- 3. Wear and tear impacting our private roads
- 4. Influx of alcohol and impaired drivers
- 5. Possibility of increase in crime with the public traveling through our neighborhood.

- 6. Possibility of increase in traffic accidents on our private roads
- 7. Impacting the lifestyle and current activities of our residents
- 8. Increase in fire danger.

As a family we oppose the approval of the winery and tasting room that is currently proposing a seven (7) day a week operation with additional evening special events. WCRE (Willow Creek Ranch Estates) cannot afford to maintain our private roads to support a commercial business' traffic nor should we be expected to endanger our families sharing the roads with its impaired customers.

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