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Planning Commission agenda Item 1

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Please add this to the Planning Commission correspondence regarding the 1st agenda item

Thank you


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TO: Commissioners
Amador County Planning Commission

FROM: Ralph & Susan Clark 

SUBJECT: Request for Use Permit (UP-20;3-1) for a wine tasting room for Six Blocks Tasting Room in the "R1A," Single-family Residential and Agriculture district. The tasting room will be located within a 1,200 sq. ft. structure with 600 sq. ft. and be open seven (7) days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The property will host a maximum of twelve (12) special events annually with a maximum of 125 attendees per event, and will conclude by 7:00 p.m. (APN: 007-070- 051)

We have lived in Willow Creek Ranch Estates since 1978 and enjoyed the rural atmosphere in which we were able to safely raise our sons. It is a community which has continually prized the environment that allowed children to ride horses, to ride bikes, to walk home from the school bus stop and to visit neighboring friends without the danger of outside traffic. For those of us at the other end of the age spectrum, who have spent years being able to walk our private roads for both exercise and community interaction, without fear of ignorant urban drivers speeding to or from a day of imbibing adult beverages, the loss would be, at best, very unfair.

While we realize that agricultural tourism is of great benefit to Amador County, this Tasting Room traffic to a Mueller Road address, will inevitably have a very negative impact on our rural lifestyle and significantly restrict the ability of all of us to enjoy the way of life this community deserves to retain. It will also have the considerable fiscal impact of increased cost to maintain our private roads by 136 families.

In addition, from the perspective of citizens of Amador County, if access to the Tasting Room via our private segment of Mueller Road were somehow prevented and the only access became that windy portion of Willow Creek Road, it would seem serious mitigation measures need be imposed to make it safe for commercial traffic.

Your consideration of the above factors in making your decision, will be appreciated.

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