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Subject: FW: Appeal of Vincent Winey Approval - FW: please forward to the clerk of the board to share with all supervisors and to include in public comments for 2-19-2013 board hearing - thank you

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To: Board of Supervisors, County of Santa
Barbara 2/11/2013

From: Mary Beth Kerr

My comments regarding the Vincent Winery Appeal Hearing on February 19th -
Traffic A

My name is Mary Beth Kerr. I live on North Refugio Road.

I urge the Board to stop this project based on traffic safety. The current winery ordinance's opening paragraph states that safety is to be considered and I think it is always prudent to put public safety first.

I remain convinced that having a winery with tasting room so near the intersection of State Highway 154/Roblar Avenue/North Refugio Road is dangerous/risky/ill-advised. Two of the five Planning Commissioners could not make the traffic finding at the hearing of 11/7/2013. The history of accidents at/near the intersection included in and alluded to in the 11/2/2012 Mitigated Negative Declaration and attachments is inaccurate. One report states 14 (Pennfield and Smith dated 7/27/2011) and two others 10 (County Wine Country Collision Study only used the 10 that happened during tasting room hours and ATE report states 10).

The State report/printout* clearly shows there were 24. The State report was not included in the MND attachment until 11/2/2012 for the 11/7/2012 PC Hearing. Note - I also found an incident (7/13/2010) in CHP printout from Buellton office (2/7/2013) that is not included on the State report, which brings the total to 25.

The P and S and ATE reports also state that there were 4 accidents between 2007 and 2010 when there were 8.

The discussion of the accidents also does not include the fact that the first accident in 2000 was a fatal one. A 54 year old man was killed and he is still memorialized at the intersection with a display of a cross and flowers.

Since 2010 there have been at least 2 more accidents.

The owner has included 2,116 square feet for guest serving activity in his 5,678 square foot winery building. There is also an outdoor patio/picnic area. The owners clearly expect to have many guests. It is absurd to rely on the scant numbers of potential peak hour and average daily trips that are included in the MND. **Really?????**

The guests of any tasting room will be tasting and drinking wine. I have observed a couple drink a bottle of wine with their picnic snack at a nearby winery's patio. They then drove away from the winery headed for our treacherous intersection. The potential for adding more impaired drivers frankly scares me.

This site is commercially a potential win for the owner and may generate future tax revenues, but is it worth risking lives, injuries and more totaled vehicles. I think not.

Thank you for taking the time to read and carefully consider my concerns. If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth

*State report is part of Attachment 7 to the 11/2/2012 Mitigated Negative Declaration - the Pennfield and Smith document . The heading is "Collisions occurred at/near the int. State Route 154 & Roblar Ave, Santa Barbara County" (Page 279 to 282 of PDF doc)

