

Sarah Mayer

General Public Comment - Group 2

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**From:** John <john@kenbrownwines.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 11:27 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Alison@sbcountywines.com; Santa Barbara Vintners  
**Subject:** In Support of the Wine Preserve

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I wanted to reach out to you regarding the Santa Barbara Vintners Association's efforts to establish the Santa Barbara County Wine Preserve. I understand that at a recent Supervisors meeting an individual claimed that the Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance and all its members were against the Wine BID. I wanted to go on record that Ken Brown Wines, as a member of both the SBCVA and SRHWA, is in support of the BID. We feel that establishing the Wine Preserve is in the best interest of all Santa Barbara County wineries.

It would be greatly appreciated if this email could be delivered to the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

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**From:** brandon - Dragonette Cellars <brandon@dragonettecellars.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 1:12 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Re: Correcting the record: Steve Pepe's comments regarding the Wine Preserve at last weeks BOS meeting

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

I noticed my original email to you include some draft notes under my email signature line. Please strike those, and consider this my full comment:

Dear Clerk of the Board,

As a winery member of both Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance (SRHWA) and the Santa Barbara County Vintners, I would like to comment on some of Mr. Pepe's recent comments to the Board:

Mr. Pepe seemed to imply that SRHWA was opposed to the Wine Preserve. As a member of SRHWA, I do not recall any vote to oppose the Wine Preserve. In fact, as many as 15 SRHWA current members, ourselves included, are generally in favor of the Wine Preserve.

Mr. Pepe suggested that SRHWA would be "killed" by the Wine Preserve. There is no evidence that would occur. There are already multiple wineries (Dragonette included) who are members of both SRHWA and SBC Vintners. If the Wine Preserve goes through, we would not longer pay dues to the Vintners, and we would continue to support SRHWA. In theory, the lack of Vintners dues would allow more wineries (not less) to support SRHWA.

Mr Pepe may be (technically) right that there is no reported case finding Wine BIDs LEGAL, but there are no reported case finding them ILLEGAL either. And in fact they are in use in many places without litigation pending.

Finally, Mr. Pepe claimed that the Wine Preserve is opposed by "most small wineries" when in fact there are many small wineries in favor. It is improper at this point to say most are opposed.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Stephen <stephen@GAINEVINEYARD.COM>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 3:46 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** May 7 Board of Supervisors Meeting

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Dear County of Santa Barbara and the Board of Supervisors:

I watched the video last week of Steve's Pepe statements against the formation of the Santa Barbara County Wine Preserve or Wine Bid.

As a member of both the Sta. Rita Hills Wine Grower's Alliance (SRHWA) and the SB Vintners, he is factually wrong in stating that the entire SRHWA is 100% against the wine bid. This is simply not the case and is absolutely misleading. Gainey Estate Vineyards, which is now celebrating its 40th Anniversary of making wine here in Santa Barbara County, is a member of both organizations and we are 100% in support of the SB Vintners plan to initiate the Wine Bid. I just want to make sure that this is part of the public record. Thank you.

In Vino Veritas,

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**From:** Don Meehan (d.h-meehan\_1@earthlink.net) Sent You a Personal Message <kwautomail@phone2action.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 11, 2024 7:55 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny Exxon trucking project - Upcoming Board of Supervisors Meeting

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to deny this dangerous project as recommended by the Santa Barbara Planning Commission.

In addition to the significant and unavoidable risks of spills from trucking the oil, the purported benefit of producing oil from the offshore platforms and processing it on the Gaviota coast would bring with it unacceptable risks of offshore oil spills, air pollution and toxic fire and smoke risks that were not analyzed in the EIR, which focused narrowly on trucking impacts.

The recent oil spill off of Orange County underlines the severity of these risks. In addition, ExxonMobil's facilities were the largest sources of air pollution in the county and contained dangerous and toxic materials in an area that has burned by wildfire twice in the 6 years since the facilities have been shut down. We were fortunate that oil and dangerous gases were not present at the site during the recent Alisal fire, which burned onto ExxonMobil's property.

It is not just that the trucking routes are along sections of road with above average accident rates, there have been specific and recent instances of oil tankers on this route spilling oil into rivers and starting fires. In fact, on October 11 -- the same day as the Alisal fire -- an oil tanker crash near Orcutt caused a fire in Eucalyptus trees.

Thank you for denying this dangerous and unacceptable oil trucking project.

Sincerely,

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