



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Glenn S. Russell, Ph.D., Director

DATE: November 16, 2016

RE: Winery Ordinance Update

At the November 1, 2016, hearing the Board of Supervisors (Board) considered the Winery Ordinance Update, received public testimony, asked additional questions of staff, and continued the project to a special hearing on November 22, 2016. The Board requested the Santa Barbara Vintner's Association (and other groups or individuals) to submit a letter specifically outlining issues with the proposed Winery Ordinance Update. The Santa Barbara Vintner's Association submitted a letter to the Board on November 16, 2016, which staff will be prepared to address at the Board hearing.

This memo identifies possible actions the Board could take at the November 22, 2016, hearing.

Possible Actions:

On November 22, 2016, the Board could take one of the following actions regarding the Winery Ordinance Update:

1. *Adopt the Winery Ordinance Update as recommended by the County Planning Commission (4-1) and Planning and Development:* The Board's action should include the recommended actions listed in the November 1, 2016, Board Agenda Letter.
2. *Adopt the Winery Ordinance Update with minor amendments:* The Board's action should include the recommended actions listed in the November 1, 2016, Board Agenda Letter, as amended. Depending on the scope of amendments, a continuance may be required. Any zoning ordinance modification recommended by the Board, and not previously considered by the County Planning Commission, shall first be referred back to the Planning Commission for report and recommendation to the Board (Gov. Code § 65857).
3. *Deny or take no action on the Winery Ordinance Update:* The existing ordinance procedures and permit requirements regarding winery development would remain in effect if the Board's action is to deny or take no action on the proposed winery ordinance amendments.
4. *Continue the hearing with direction to staff to address any outstanding issues that the Board determines to require further consideration.*