

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown  
County Administrator

STAFF CONTACT: Jette Christiansson  
Business Manager, 568-3403

SUBJECT: Public Convenience Determination for SYV Wine Country LLC, 2445 Alamo Pintado Street,  
Los Olivos, CA (Third District).

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter to the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) determining that public convenience will be served by approving the premise to premise transfer of an On-sale Beer and Wine license to SYV Wine Country LLC, currently located at 1539 Mission Drive, Solvang, to a new location of 2445 Alamo Pintado Street, Los Olivos.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1, An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

On May 24, 2004, Chris and Annie Sparno, owners of the SYV Wine Country LLC, applied for a Type 42 On-Sale Beer and Wine license from the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control for the transfer of their current license from 1539 Mission Drive, Solvang to the new location of 2445 Alamo Pintado Street, Los Olivos. To meet the requirements of Business and Professions Code Section 23958 and 23958.4, the Board of Supervisors must act on a letter of Public Convenience and Necessity within 90 days of the applicant's request.

The number of licenses allowed for this census tract is six. Eleven exist, thus triggering the need to determine whether public convenience would be served by approving the transfer of an existing on-sale beer and wine license.

The Planning and Development Department has stated that the location is zoned C-2, General Commercial. This zone type allows wine tasting rooms as a permitted use. Wine Country would be located in a converted furniture store and would need to obtain a Land Use Permit and obtain a review by the Special Problems Area Committee to resolve septic system constraints.

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The Sheriff's Department, Solvang Sub-Station, has been notified of the request for the premise to premise transfer of the ABC license and states that there are no violations on record and has no objection to the application, and will accept the judgment of the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

Based on staff's review of the applicant's request, the County Administrator's Office recommends that the Board issue a letter to the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control finding that public convenience will be served by the approval of the transfer of the on-sale beverage license. As such, a letter has been prepared and is attached for the Board's consideration.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The Board of Supervisors is required to act on this request pursuant to State law (Business and Professions Code Section 23958 and 23958.4).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Approval of this recommendation will not result in any additional costs to the County, nor have any impact on facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Send the executed letter to Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, Attention Robert Olshaskie, 3220 S. Higuera St., Ste. 305, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, and fax a copy to Linda Reising, 473-0432.

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Sparno  
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