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Unable to make
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Solano County Board of Supervisors
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Re Use Permit Application No. U-16-04 (Caymus Suisun Winery)

Dear Board Members:

My name is Brad Rowland. I live at 5177 Williams Road Suisun Valley. This 106-acre property is owned by Cynthia Rowland Smith, Dr Robert Anderson and myself. We also own 89 acres at 5282 Clayton Road. Over the years we have made enough money to pay the taxes and to do some improvements to the property but not enough to make a living off the property. As you may know we only received a fraction of what we sell our grapes for compared to Napa Valley. We had discussed selling the Clayton property so we could reinvest the funds into houses to make a reasonable return on our investment. In July of 2014 this all changed. I met Mr. Chuck Wagner. He looked at the Clayton property and offered to lease it to grow grapes. This property was leased to Larry's Produce for \$125.00 an acre. Mr. Wagner offered us a more than fair price to lease the property and we decided to enter into an agreement with Caymus Vineyard. We now lease the Ellis Ranch on Williams Road to Caymus that currently has grapes on it. We are now receiving a fair return on these ranches thanks to Mr. Wagner. We support the winery project 100%. Caymus Winery will be a huge asset to our valley. They will create jobs, donate funds to our local community and bring in customers to complement the existing wineries, restaurants, and merchants. They have stabilized land owner prices in the valley. Suisun Valley will benefit

Board/Aides ✓
CAO (B. Conzello, N. Huettner, J. Berget) ✓
CC (D. Bunting, A. Denkinson) ✓
E.M. (B. Emken, G. Schmidbauer) ✓

directly and indirectly. This is exactly what Suisun Valley needs. I have not seen this type of excitement in the valley since I moved to our property 28 years ago.

Mr. Wagner is a farmer at heart. He is passionate about the improvement and the beautification of Suisun Valley. I see Chuck constantly working out in the vineyards and he has a hands-on approach. I know some people think Caymus is a huge corporation but this could be further from the truth. This is a family run winery by Mr. Wagner, Charlie his son and Jenny his daughter.

If Caymus succeeds in Suisun Valley we all will benefit and just maybe we can keep the valley in agriculture and not homes for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BR' followed by a stylized flourish.

Brad Rowland