

1. Near Schools and Fire Station

The proposed facility is located within 400 feet of two schools, a cemetery, a religious center and a fire station. The 3-way intersection upon which the proposed facility sits is a dangerous one. Heavy school traffic and children walking and biking to school are usual. The fire station on Watertrough Road, up the street, is the busiest in the fire district. Additional traffic would endanger children getting to and from school and fire trucks getting to their destinations. Drivers typically exceed the speed limit and despite entreaties to CHP to enforce it, little enforcement has taken place.

2. Compromises Quiet Enjoyment of Residence

I am a resident of Lone Pine Road, a common connector from south Highway 116 to Pleasant Hill Road. My road has gone from 'sleepy' to 'freeway'. Neighbors no longer feel safe walking on our road; I continue to walk but am in danger daily from speeding, distracted drivers. I do not object to alcohol use, however allowing a tasting room/event facility in the neighborhood will encourage more speeding drivers and specifically, drivers who have been drinking too much to use reasonable judgment. Again, CHP is typically not enforcing.

3. Licensing the Property Would Create a Public Nuisance Under CPC Sec. 370

Anything which is injurious to health, or is indecent, or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by an entire community or neighborhood, or by any considerable number of persons, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake, or river, bay, stream, canal, or basin, or any public park, square, street, or highway, is a public nuisance.

The proposed facility would interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property (not to mention expectation of safety) by the entire neighborhood by encouraging visitors all day and into the evening hours, promising loud noise in quiet rural areas. Crowds attending tastings and events will cause traffic and obstruct free passage on narrow, two-lane roads.

4. Issuance of the license to the premises would tend to create a law enforcement problem, or aggravate an existing police problem

California Highway Patrol states they do not have adequate officers to enforce traffic issues in this area. (See items #1, 2 and 3, above.)