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Yucaipa City Hall - City Council Chambers

34272 Yucaipa Blvd, Yucaipa, California, 92399

Re: Planning Commission Special Meeting February 28, 2024

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kela Lopez and I am proud to be a resident of Yucaipa. I do not support and I oppose The Wine Country Specific Plan. I do not agree with their plan because it greatly violates Yucaipa's General Plan, which limits lot sizes to a minimum of one-acre for any future home builds. The Wine Country Specific Plan is marketing itself as creating "open space". I believe it does open space, however, not for our citizens. It *takes* space from our citizens to open space for their wineries.

Reducing lot sizes will greatly damage Yucaipa's rural living lifestyle, not add to it. I believe Yucaipa's General plan was truly designed with the intent of keeping Yucaipa rural and with its citizen's best interest in mind. It allows it's citizens to have a little more space from their neighbors and it gives them space to build their dreams.

Another concern I have with the wineries would be the increase in traffic it will bring as well as possible drunk driving related incidents. Again I don't believe an increase in either of these have Yucaipa's citizen's best in mind.

In closing, I think we need to say no to The Wine Country Specific Plan and leave Yucaipa's General Plan in place. It protects the space for one acre homes- where Yucaipa families can have space to raise their children and animals and retirees can relax in their well deserved retirement without having to have their neighbors right on top of them, or dealing with the traffic/accidents from these wineries. Yucaipa is a very special City, so different from anywhere in the Inland Empire. We need to remain different with our unique lot sizes and rural living, not conform to over developed land spaces like our surrounding cities.

Thank you for your time,
Kela Lopez