



**Lake County
Farm Bureau**

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Board of Supervisors
255 N. Forbes St.
Lakeport, CA. 95453

RE: Eachus View Estates Subdivision – AB 07-06

Dear Chairman Robey and Supervisors:

Lake County Farm Bureau Board of Directors would like to go on record as supporting the appeal submitted by Mr. Brad Peters, Mr. Johnnie Lee and Mr. Harry Whitlock.

We first submitted a letter to the Planning Department stating opposition to this project. That letter was dated May 31, 2007 and was in response to the initial "request for review" for this proposed development. At that time, we cited conflicts with the Lake County General Plan and the Lakeport Area Plan in regard to land use and the protection of the county's prime agricultural soils. As listed these soils are conducive to the production of walnuts or wine grapes.

Our Board of Directors still believes strongly that this project is in direct conflict with those policies.

We also cited concerns with a proposed 50-foot buffer and the inadequacies for protection of adjoining agricultural operations. This has been a consistent concern from the Farm Bureau on all proposed developments that have been proposed adjoining agricultural lands. The Lake County Agricultural Commissioner recommended a 300-foot buffer, which we support.

Although the new General Plan has not yet been adopted or implemented, it can serve as a guideline for decisions on projects such as this one. Listed are just a few of those recommendations:

- The Ag-Element committee is recommending that the present policy to require 40-acre minimum lot sizes in agricultural-zoned property be kept intact.
- The Ag-Element committee is recommending to include all presently agricultural-zoned property as Agricultural within the new General Plan.
- The Ag-Element committee has recommended a much larger buffer than 50 feet on any type of construction adjoining agricultural operations.

We urge the Supervisors to approve the appeal and reject this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Gayaldo".

Robert Gayaldo
President