

SKYLINE WILDERNESS BOS 7-11-16
Read into Record

on behalf of Dave Allred who could not attend our meeting here, today.

Good afternoon Supervisors and Chairman Pedroza.

I am responding to Syar's assertion that an expansion of their current quarrying operations to the immediate border of Skyline Wilderness Park is somehow a good thing for Napa.

Syar has repeatedly stated that Napa needs the additional aggregate, however they have presented no data to support that this is the case, especially in a valley as committed to low-growth as Napa is. Syar maintains that they will sell the vast majority of their product to local buyers, but again, refuse to provide evidence of this in the form of transactional records to establish this as a pattern to be continued. Syar states that their increased production equates to greater employment, though this has been refuted by their own estimates of no new full time jobs added. So there is no hard data to support that Napa will benefit from this expansion.

On the other hand, thousands and thousands of your constituents and visitors who spend their money in Napa every year have begged you NOT to allow this expansion, due to a clear conflict with the Skyline Wilderness Park experience which to many is a major element in the fundamental character of Napa. As elected Supervisors, you are sworn to maintain or achieve the "public interest". The public interest is **to keep Skyline Park a wilderness and refuse this expansion!** We now have submitted 5987 petition signatures gathered by volunteers from locals and visitors who ASKED to sign it. Syar paid for and sent out costly and impressive brochures to Napa residences and still couldn't stir up any support from locals. Which is simply because **locals don't want an expansion** which would surely affect our health and the nature experience of our only wilderness park.

And frankly all this is making many people start to wonder: If the will of the community is so clearly against this project (as evidenced by not only the highly successful petition but also the dozen or so hearings we have had with countless hours of public comment by unpaid citizens), then why does it seem that the County is so set on allowing the expansion to go through? What is it that is not being shared with the public that would make the Planning Commission and now the Board of Supervisors appear so pro-business in the face of so much public outcry? Especially since we know that a number of you are avid outdoorsmen and enjoy hiking and biking in our park. It just doesn't add up.

The Statement of Vision on your BOS website states, "*The legendary wine destination of Napa Valley will be recognized as a thriving and sustainable community within an agricultural treasure.*" Napa's citizens and visitors have spoken: **PART OF OUR LOCAL TREASURE IS SKYLINE PARK.** Please recognize the will of the people who live here and those who visit, and stop giving SO much credence to SO few whose motives are SO clearly driven by greed. Do not allow Syar to take Napa's treasure and turn it into their own profit. We, your constituents, elected you for exactly this kind of moment.

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