

Public comment by Chris Wrather on behalf of LAPAC at 4/6/10 Supervisors' meeting:

Chair Wolf and Board members, my name is Chris Wrather. I am chair of the Los Alamos Planning Advisory Committee.

Our committee is at the final stage of completing a draft community plan for your consideration. A lot of effort has gone toward crafting an innovative zoning ordinance to encourage development of our Bell Street commercial area.

The committee is aware that our location in wine country and our lovely setting might attract increasing numbers of wine tasting businesses to our community. We are not opposed to wine tasting, so long as our commercial district maintains a balance and diversity of uses. We are aware that many residents of Los Olivos feel that their community has lost some of its character because of the overwhelming presence of wine tasting. So our committee approved a motion at its last meeting directing me to express to you our support for undertaking the alcoholic beverage work plan item. Specifically, we support and encourage the county's developing a mechanism giving the community a voice in the review and approval of new bars and wine tasting businesses in Los Alamos.

Thank you.