

From: [Julia Bailey](#)
To: [Connie Acker](#)
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:00:49 AM

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We are deeply troubled that our farm and desire to share our space with the public has in any way been deemed anything but good. We hope that you would reconsider doing anything to prevent small farmers such as ourselves from succeeding in such a difficult time. We cannot succeed without the ability to sell the wine we farm. We look forward to being active and engaged members of the community.

We encourage the CRGC to continue to allow commercial activities on agricultural lands and other lands in the GMA. Wineries, cideries, and other commercial enterprises contribute to the economy and help diversify people's incomes.

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Subject: Public comment for April 29 meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:57:36 PM

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