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## Dear Mr. Freeman:

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County (LAFCO) agenda for April 3, 2017 includes item 7a, a public hearing on acceptance of the Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update for the Town of Yountville. Item 7a also includes a recommendation to adopt a draft resolution confirming the determinative statements updating Yountville's SOI to include the study area contained within the MSR and make CEQA findings.

For nearly half a century, Napa County has been at the forefront of protecting agricultural lands from urban encroachment, and the County is strongly opposed to any SOI change that would take Agricultural Preserve (AP) lands into an urban SOI. The proposal included in the report would do exactly that. The attached map superimposes the proposed SOI change area with the AP land. The cross-hatched sections show the areas where AP land would come into the revised SOI.

Napa County and the Town of Yountville continue to work together productively on issues surrounding the Domaine Chandon area. However, both entities agree that it would be best to limit the SOI change to only the area zoned Commercial Limited, thereby excluding any AP land. Therefore, the County of Napa requests and strongly recommends that action on item 7a not be taken without modification to exclude AP land.

Thank you for your consideration.


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## Attachment



