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9-20-0458 (Ocean Fathoms)

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

June 23, 2021

California Coastal Commission
455 Market Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Costal Development Permit Application No. 9-20-0458 — Submerged Wine Storage Facility

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in strong support for the permit application to allow Ocean Fathoms to conduct their wine aging process by method of placing wine cages off the Santa Barbara Coast.

I am an ardent supporter of our coast and have worked to ensure its protection as both an advocate and an elected official, where I have represented portions of Santa Barbara County for the last 18 years. I strongly respect the mission of your Commission to protect and enhance California's coast and I am writing in support of Ocean Fathoms' permit application because I believe their operation will do that.

Ocean Fathoms has developed a method to age wine with the help of the current in the ocean as well as their carefully constructed cages made of recycled metals that are respectful of the marine environment and ocean life. The submerged wine cages are placed in location with sandy bottoms and would have very little impact on the surrounding environment.

This project, other than the unique style of making wine, is innovative. We live in a county that is full of wine ventures but we have not seen anything like this. Allowing this business would further our county, coast, and state's reputation as a premier wine location in the world. With your support their business would also bring higher paying jobs to our local economy.

Oceans Fathoms' business helps people locally and globally enjoy the beautiful gift that is our coast. It brings two unlikely items together to create something distinctive and profound for people to enjoy at their tables.

I am pleased to support this effort and hope your agency will find it worthy of granting their permit. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 805-568-2186.

Sincerely,

Das Williams
First District Supervisor, Santa Barbara County

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July 6, 2021

California Coastal Commission
455 Market Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Costal Development Permit Application No. 9-20-0458 — Submerged Wine Storage Facility
REQUEST TO SUPPORT

Dear Commissioners:

The Santa Ynez band of Chumash Indians ("Tribe") writes this letter in strong support for the permit application to allow Ocean Fathoms to conduct their wine aging process by method of placing wine cages off the Santa Barbara Coast.

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Sincerely,

Mike Lopez,
Vice Chairman

From: [Carey, Barbara@Coastal](mailto:Carey.Barbara@Coastal)
To: [Teufel, Cassidy@Coastal](mailto:Teufel.Cassidy@Coastal)
Subject: Fw: Deny operating permit for "Oceans Fathoms"
Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 9:17:04 AM

Cassidy--

I'm forwarding this email in case you did not receive it previously.

Barbara

From: Pamela Elliott <pamela@aravant.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 1:37 PM
To: SouthCentralCoast@Coastal <SouthCentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Deny operating permit for "Oceans Fathoms"

Commission Members,

I urge you to deny Ocean Fathoms the permission to store bottles of wine off the California coast. This company and its process of "aging" wine in the ocean is pure fantasy and an environmental disaster. Every cage of wine put down and pulled destroys marine life. Every boat trip in and out adds to the carbon pollution of the planet and specifically the central California coast. Your job as a commission and our job as California citizens is to keep the coast of California environmentally healthy and thriving. Let's do our jobs: shut down this business before more crazy schemes of this ilk emerge to destroy our coastal ecology.

Thank you,

Pamela Elliott
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