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**From:** Jennifer Rivera (Administration)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 10:45 AM  
**To:** Brad Tino  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Sonya Tino; Katie G. Ahmed (Planning); Anael Dominguez (Administration); Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning)  
**Subject:** RE: Support for Special Use Permit – Flowery Branch Winery

Your public comment was received and will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for their review.

Thank you.

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**From:** Brad Tino [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Jennifer Rivera (Administration) <jrivera@hallcounty.org>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Sonya Tino [REDACTED]  
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Dear Ms. Rivera,

My wife, Sonya, and I are writing to express our support for the special use permit request for the Flowery Branch winery.

We live just down the road from the winery and have been regular patrons. We are aware that a nearby resident has been distributing flyers urging opposition to the permit, and we wanted to share our firsthand experience as neighbors.

Over the summer months, we have enjoyed many weekend evenings at the winery listening to local musicians. The music has always concluded by 9:00 p.m., and the atmosphere has consistently been

family-oriented. It is common to see children playing in the grass—throwing a ball or a frisbee—while families and friends enjoy the space together. We have never experienced excessive noise or disruptive behavior.

Concerns about traffic do not align with what we observe. In our experience, there are typically no more than 8–12 cars in the parking lot at any given time. Likewise, we question the assertion that proximity to a small, well-managed, community-focused venue would negatively impact property values. On the contrary, having a nearby place where neighbors can safely gather after dark with friends and family feels like an asset to the community. It seems comparable to living near other local amenities, such as Alberta Banks Park, which many consider a benefit rather than a drawback.

We sincerely hope the permit is approved. Denying a small local business the opportunity to grow would feel like an injustice, particularly when it has demonstrated responsible operation and positive community engagement. We would also be disappointed if we were forced to take our business farther from home and potentially another county due to the winery being unable to continue or expand its offerings.

Thank you for your time and for considering our perspective.

Sincerely,  
Brad Tino  
Sonya Tino

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