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Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 8:27 AM
To: Sherry McAdams
Cc: Katie G. Ahmed (Planning); Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning); Anael Dominguez (Administration)
Subject: RE: Flowery Branch Winery

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Thank you.

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Sent from my iPhone Hall County Board of Commissioners
2875 Browns Bridge Road
Gainesville, Ga. 30504

Good Afternoon Commissioners,

I am writing to request the denial from the Flowery Branch Winery seeking "additional zoning allowances" as an "events venue".

Brad Walton, owner of the Flowery Branch Winery submitted a request for additional zoning allowances back in 2017. When his request was going to be denied by the Commission Board, Brad withdrew his request. Brad posted on his Facebook page on April 10, 2017 that "I won't be able to have events or rent the space". He withdrew his application.

So, here we are again. Brad has requested rezoning, yet again, in hopes that the Commissioners will change their minds and now allow him a new zoning allowance which will allow him to have events, rent his winery for special events, etc. What has changed in his application that would now allow him to move forward with an approval of rezoning? We have witnessed that Mr. Walton holds events with amplified, live music on a regular basis.

Apparently, disregarding the denial of his original application.

a. What is the definition of "events" as it pertains to this winery? How many "events" are allowed under this type of allowance? What specific "types" of events will be allowed? How many people and vehicles would be allowed at an event? Who will be overseeing that Mr. Walton adheres to the rezoning specifications?

The residents near and around the "winery" have witnessed an enormous increase in traffic and amplified music over the past couple of years. It has become clear to the residents that Mr. Walton has moved ahead with his plans for the winery with no regard for the previous denial of events and the ability to rent the winery. It does not

appear to be a quiet, tasting room. We see this as a local bar like Branch House Tavern with live music on the weekends!!!!

b. Traffic will continue be of great concern because of the narrow width of Conner Road. Vehicles, including emergency vehicles, have to drive off of the paved portion of the road and drive on the grass shoulder in order to pass another approaching vehicle. This continues to be of grave concern for the residents here. Allowing an "event" center would only increase this hazardous concern.

Mr. Walton stated on his 2017 post on Facebook, that while he respected the opinions of the residents here, wrote "I know this road can handle a handful of people wanting to enjoy some local wine". Again, what sort of event has a "handful" of people? What qualifications does Brad have to make an assumption as to what Conner Road can handle?

I ask that you deny this application again. Mr. Walton appears to do whatever he wants with hopes of getting away with it and holding whatever kind of party or event he wants while owning a neighborhood bar and winery.

Warm Regards,

Sherry and Sean McAdams

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