



Planning Department
Community Development Department, Town of Los Gatos
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

October 27, 2025

**Re: The Caballero Vineyard, 16135 Cerro Vista Dr
Fence Height Exception- Letter of Justification**

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Ruben and Joy Caballero, I hereby present this request for a Fence Height Exception for a private vineyard installation at 16135 Cerro Vista Drive. The vineyard is the subject of a current CUP application.

BACKGROUND

The Caballeros purchased this 10.22 acre property in 2017 and soon after began work on their addition/remodel of the existing home. During this time, Ruben became interested in growing grapes and identified an ideal section of his property for a vineyard. The northernmost portion of the site was a treeless west facing slope just below his neighbors existing vineyard. The two perimeter fences at the NE corner were installed prior to the Town's revised Hillside fence ordinance and therefore are grandfathered.

PROPOSED FENCES

Vineyards truly require adequate deer fencing in order to grow and produce fruit; without it, the deer will decimate the crop. The two outside lines are already protected w/7 foot tall wood and wire fences. On the western edge, an existing 6 foot tall wood and wire fence is built on top of a 24" tall stone retaining wall. Fences are measured from the highest adjacent grade, so this fence technically complies with the ordinance.

That leaves the southern border of the vineyard, which is on an uphill slope. A low, 24" high stone wall to match the western one exists, along with 6 foot tall wood posts. The proposed fence is an open wire to match the other three sides and in doing so would result in an 8 foot high overall fence.

Given the position of the vineyard in a corner, along with the long standing existing 7 foot high perimeter fencing, the addition of one new 8 foot high fence will not restrict the overall flow and maintains the existing wildlife corridor.

Respectfully yours,

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Gary Kohlsaat





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