

To the Dept. of Planning and Whomever it May Concern,

I'm writing today to share my support for Johnathan and Allyson Niemuth. I've worked in the wedding industry for 6 years and have gotten to know Johnathan and Allyson personally as I've provided services for their brides. Upon their purchase of the property on Dogtown Rd., I've seen them both work tirelessly to make multiple improvements and create a community of vendors around them to provide a safe, comfortable experience for their guests.

They have always been thoughtful and welcoming. I feel their presence in the community could only generate more people discovering and spending their money in Calaveras County and visiting other local small businesses. Other wedding venues in the area are allowed to operate without penalty. Without the dollars spent from tourism and local events, I fail to see how the county as a whole can continue. By attacking the livelihood of local business owners, we would create a lack of community and the support necessary to keep people returning to and enjoying Calaveras County in the future.

It's my genuine hope that a positive and clear solution can be reached going forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

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