

Dear Sonoma County Supervisors and honorable elected officials,

This letter is to voice my opposition to the industrial petrochemical asphalt plant proposed by Canyon Rock, Inc. in Forestville, CA.

On September 28, 2010, a dispute between Canyon Rock, Inc. and Forestville Citizens for Sensible Growth was settled. It included protection for Green Valley Creek, protection for the health of children and elderly, protection for the environment, protection to oppose an asphalt plant in the future, but most of all, it ended a protracted 12 years of litigation by citizens to prevent an asphalt plant from being built in West Sonoma County in the Russian River Valley.

We find ourselves once again with Canyon Rock, Inc. proposing an asphalt plant within the same communities that have already successfully defeated it. All the same concerns apply all over again, only now, we have the added urgency of a planet in rebellion climatically. It seems in complete denial of this being a rural, residential, and agricultural area where environmental issues are foremost in people's minds. It seems in complete denial of the fires, the evacuations, the mudslides and road closures that have visited Sonoma County in an extreme nature over the past five years. It ignores the rights of children to breathe clean air, enjoy the night sky in all its unique and special beauty, be free from particulate matter, fear of fire, and fear of possible spillage of trucks hauling asphalt and petrochemical products near schools and parks.

A toxic, highly flammable chemical asphalt plant belongs in an industrial park near a major thoroughfare, not within our world-renowned wine country with its charming two lane country roads. Its location is incompatible on officially designated scenic Highway 116, known for its beauty, its redwood forests, and its gentle atmosphere and kind hospitality enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

Let us learn from the same protracted legal battle that was settled 14 years ago, and let us lay this to rest now, instead of wasting precious time in a legal mire. Instead, let us turn our attention to making Forestville the quiet, beautiful, and unique agricultural village that represents "The Good Life" as the town sign so aptly conveys.

I respectfully ask for your "NO" vote on the permit application when called upon for your vote.

Yours Respectfully,