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## Napa County Planning Commission Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Napa County Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Charlene Gallina for David Morrison - Director  
Planning, Building and Environmental Services  
**REPORT BY:** Laura Anderson, Deputy County Counsel - 259-8252  
**SUBJECT:** Balloons Above the Valley Hot Air Balloon Launching Site Use Permit P19-00303

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **BOB BARBARICK / BALLOONS ABOVE THE VALLEY / USE PERMIT #P19-00303-UP**

**CEQA Status:** Denial of a project is exempt. (CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(4)).

**Request:** Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution of Findings denying Use Permit Application P19-00303 requesting hot air balloon launching on a 2.03-acre parcel within the Agricultural Preserve zoning district, with a General Plan land use designation of Agricultural Resource (AR). The site address is 5360 Washington Street, Napa. APN: 036-130-029

**Staff Recommendation:** Adopt the proposed Resolution.

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**CONTINUED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 AND OCTOBER 7, 2020 COMMISSION MEETINGS.**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Proposed Action:**

That the Planning Commission adopt the Resolution in Attachment A.

**Discussion:**

On September 2, 2020, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding Applicant's request for a Use Permit to allow daily launching of up to eight hot air balloons on the property located on a 2.03-acre parcel within the Agricultural Preserve zoning district and with a General Plan land use designation of Agricultural Resource. The property address is 5360 Washington Street, Napa, APN 036-130-029. A copy of the full staff report may be found at <http://services.countyofnapa.org/AgendaNet/GranicusMeetingDocuments.aspx?id=5999>.

After considering all written and verbal testimony and evidence presented, the Planning Commission adopted a motion of intent to deny Use Permit Application No. P19-00303 and directed the Commission's Counsel to return on October 7, 2020, with formal findings of denial. A formal resolution denying the project has been prepared for the Commission's consideration. The public hearing is closed except for public comment regarding whether the proposed resolution accurately reflects the Commission's intent as expressed on September 2nd. This item was continued on October 7th to today's meeting. Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

**FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

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**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Resolution of Findings and Decision

Napa County Planning Commission: Approve

Reviewed By: Brian Bordona