

Your Help is Needed to Preserve Yucaipa

When and Where: 5:00 PM, Wednesday, March 27,
Yucaipa Performing Arts Center (12062 California St)

What: Wine Country Specific Plan—The city council is voting on a nearly two-square mile area of Yucaipa for increased housing density and as many as 26 wineries, wine tasting rooms, and other commercial developments. The City admits that this will change the culture of Yucaipa.

What Does This Mean for You and Yucaipa:

- **Increased traffic congestion** with nearly 30 percent more houses than currently planned and the addition of wine tasting and other commercial traffic.
- **More drunk driving deaths and injuries** as State traffic statistics show 55 to 76 percent more alcohol-related deaths and injuries in wine country cities of Santa Rosa and Napa than in Yucaipa
- **Increased public safety concerns** as wine tasting traffic will be mixed with residential use, schools, Community Park, Soccer Fields, etc. Further, access to wineries and wine tasting will be via residential roads used by runners, horseback riders, cyclists and other recreational purposes.
- **More financial burden to taxpayers** who will be on the hook to support Yucaipa winery failures in California's shrinking wine market.
- **Loss of open space** and destruction of natural habitat as the WCSP permits the full development of the North Bench. This threatens to permanently erase the last significant, contiguous open space and natural environment in Yucaipa, utilizing water resources that we do not have.

How to contact your Yucaipa representative

City Council Email (Re: WCSP):

Bobby Duncan (bduncan@yucaipa.gov), Justin Beaver (jbeaver@yucaipa.gov), Chris Venable (cvenable@yucaipa.gov), Jon Thorp (jthorp@yucaipa.gov), Matt Garner (mgarner@yucaipa.gov)

Also make sure to cc: publiccomments@yucaipa.gov, this makes sure your email becomes a public record and is not ignored.

Calif.: More fatal DUI crashes in wine regions

As Virginia government officials more actively promote the commonwealth's wineries, a California transportation safety official cautions there is a correlation between wine regions and fatal alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes.

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