

After public outcry, Santa Clara County order revisions to rural zoning proposals

South County business, livestock, economic development community raised concerns

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Wineries in Santa Clara County could face significant changes in land use rules if a new rural zoning ordinance is approved. Picci Nuttall

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on Nov. 18 unanimously approved a change of course for proposed ranchers and equestrian business owners raised concerns the changes would devastate their operations.

“The folks who support our farms are everywhere in our county, and you’re doing good work here, for all of us,” she

The ordinance aims to safeguard the county’s remaining farmland and open space while ensuring that agricultural currently making business difficult for many.

“The ordinance here has a lot of implications for our local businesses and their livelihoods, so I want to ensure it is of our industries included in the agricultural community,” Arenas said.

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