



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
BOARDS AND COMMISSION
 FARMWORKER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Half Moon Bay Library,
Community Room
 620 Correas St., Half Moon Bay,
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 650-363-1800
www.farmworkercommission.org

September 13, 2023

7:00pm

The Farmworker Advisory Commission brings visibility to issues that disproportionately affect farmworkers, advises the Board of Supervisors on policies and initiatives, serves as a forum for the community, and advocates/supports the farmworker community.

The Farmworker Advisory Commission was held in person at the Half Moon Bay Library’s *Community Room* (620 Correas St., Half Moon Bay).

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Judith Guerrero, Vice-Chair Corina Rodriguez Perez, Commissioners Yesenia Garcia, Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, John Vars. **Absent:** Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, Jonathan Ramirez.

Staff Present: District 3 Board Liaison Marisol Escalera Durani. Community Affairs Office: Kenny Chu, Jennifer Castro-Lara

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

AGENDA

3. Farmworker Task Force Update [PRESENTATION WAS POSTPONED]

4. Farmworker Affairs Coalition Update

<p>Presented by Victoria Sanchez De Alba and Lauren Silberman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmworker Affairs Coalition (FAC) is a non-partisan group of community members interested in supporting the farmworkers of San Mateo County. • Their focus is on information and resource sharing, facilitating collaboration among stakeholders, and advocating for the needs of farmworkers at all levels. • Formed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic by a group of community members who wanted to ensure farmworkers had equitable access to Covid-19 pandemic information and resources. • Since the pandemic, the Coalition responded to and supported several efforts.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the summer, the Coalition made the decision to conclude their regular meetings and directed their members to the Farmworker Advisory Commission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Coalition will be “on demand” and will still be available to respond to specific needs, events, or projects. • Looking into migrating their email list to a Google Group to continue sharing important updates and information.
Commissioners Comment	No comment.
Public Comment	No public comment.

5. Update on the Outreach and Education Ad-Hoc committee and motion to approve workplan

<p>Presented by Ad-hoc Committee representative.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Outreach and Education Ad-Hoc committee include Stephanie Perez, Jonatan Ramirez, and Chair Judith Guerrero. • Met a few weeks ago over zoom and decided to create 2 workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation on workplace safety ○ Presentation on basic rights in the workplace (i.e., break times, extra hours, vacation hours, etc.) • The objectives of the workshops include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understand your rights. ○ Defend your rights. ○ Know where to seek legal help when necessary. • Would like to do one workshop in Pescadero and one in Half Moon Bay. • Want to invite the Department of Industrial Relations and OSHA to do these presentations. • Methods of Outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visit farms/ranches to personally invite the farmworkers. ○ Share flyers with schools for students to take to their families. ○ Go to local churches. ○ Visit agencies like Puente, Alas, and Coastside Hope. ○ Potentially go to clinics. ○ Lastly, utilizing social media. • Will then coordinate a date and time to invite the public and the presenters. <p>Motion to approve the Outreach and Education Ad-Hoc committee’s workplan.</p> <p>Commissioner Yolanda Guzman Calderon/Second: Rogelio Nabor-Martinez</p> <p>Verbal roll call vote was taken: Yes: Yesenia Garcia, Chair Judith Guerrero, Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, Corina Rodriguez Perez, John Vars (7) No: 0 Abstain: 0</p>
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	Absent: Jonathan Ramirez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez (2) Motion passes.
Commissioners Comment	No comment.
Public Comment	No public comment.

6. Update on the Affordable and Quality Healthcare Ad-Hoc committee and motion to approve workplan

Presented by Ad-hoc Committee representative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Affordable and Quality Healthcare Ad-Hoc committee include Vice-chair Corina Rodriguez Perez, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Yesenia Garcia. • The final goal of the committee is to raise the income limit for the San Mateo County’s health insurance; Access and Care for Everyone (ACE) program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The minimum wage for farmworkers in the south coast is \$16.50. ○ The yearly income for couples is approximately \$68,000 meanwhile the income limit for a household of 2 for ACE is \$39,440. • To achieve their goal, the committee plans to create a campaign to present to the Board of Supervisors • First step is for everyone to learn more about the ACE program such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What the program does ○ Who funds the program. • Searching for similar programs in the County that have higher income requirements. • Will use the Department of Housing income and rent limit chart as an example to support their reasoning for increasing the income requirement for the ACE program. • Next, they will seek the support from farmworkers and organizations from the coastal region. <p>Motion to approve the Affordable and Quality Healthcare Ad-Hoc committee’s workplan.</p> <p>Commissioner Stephanie Perez/Second: Yesenia Garcia</p> <p>Verbal roll call vote was taken: Yes: Yesenia Garcia, Chair Judith Guerrero, Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, Corina Rodriguez Perez, John Vars (7) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Jonathan Ramirez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez (2)</p>
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	Motion passes.
Commissioners Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Vars • Chair Judith Guererro
Public Comment	No public comment.

7. Update on the Affordable Housing Development Ad-Hoc committee and motion to approve workplan

Presented by Ad-hoc Committee representative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Affordable Housing Development Ad-Hoc committee include Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, John Vars, and Vice-chair Corina Rodriguez Perez, and Chair Judith Guerrero. • Want to learn more about the groups on the South Coast that are working on housing efforts to support and amplify those efforts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I.e., Del Campo Al Cambio, a leadership program for farmworkers in the South Coast created by Punte. • Explore programs that will offer incentives to farm operators for building farmworker housing. • Explore programs that will allow farmworkers to own farms to reduce displacement. • The committee is planning to create a letter of support for the San Mateo County Tenant Protections Ordinance and present it to the rest of the Commission for feedback. • Would like to meet with Supervisor Ray Mueller to learn how the committee and the commission can support future projects. <p>Motion to approve the Affordable Housing Development Ad-Hoc committee’s workplan.</p> <p>Commissioner: Stephanie Perez/ Second: Yolanda Guzman Calderon</p> <p>Verbal roll call vote was taken: Yes: Yesenia Garcia, Chair Judith Guerrero, Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, Corina Rodriguez Perez, John Vars (7) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Jonathan Ramirez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez (2)</p> <p>Motion passes.</p>
Commissioners Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Stephanie Perez
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Schildt • JoAnn Sandoval

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8. Report Out

<p>Commissioner’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair Judith Guerrero<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Youth Commission are interested to learn more about the Farmworker Advisory Commission and invited commission to do a presentation on Thursday September 28th.• Vicechair Corina Rodriguez Perez<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Friday September 14th, Judith and Corina, and potentially Yolanda, will present to the Health Care for Homeless at 10am in Half Moon Bay. <p>Supervisor’s Report, presented by Marisol Escalera Durani</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently exploring new housing projects for farmworkers. There will be an announcement regarding this in October.• If the public would like to ask a question to Supervisor Ray Mueller or District 3’s Office, contact Marisol or other representing agencies such as Rita from Puente or Judith from Coastside Hope.

9. Adjournment

<p>The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.</p> <p>Next Commission Meeting: * Wednesday November 8, 2023; 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p>

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