



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSION**  
FARMWORKER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Half Moon Bay Library,  
*Community Room*  
620 Correas St., Half Moon Bay,  
CA  
650-363-1800  
[www.farmworkercommission.org](http://www.farmworkercommission.org)

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**May 8, 2024**

**7:00pm**

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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**

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**Present:** Judith Guerrero, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, Jorge Sanchez, Yesenia Garcia, Yolanda Guzman Calderon. **Absent:** Jonatan Ramirez, Corina Rodriguez Perez, John Vars

**Staff Present:** District 3 Board Liaison Marisol Escalera Durani. Community Affairs Office: Megan Gosch, Sarah Dewitt-Feldman, Jennifer Castro-Lara

**2. Public Comment**

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Rita Mancera: Spoke on behalf of Puente. She is delighted that the Board of Supervisors approved money for Stone Pine Cove. Is requesting from the Farmworker Advisory Commission to ask the county to present at this commission regarding the project progress and application process. Would like to specifically know if undocumented or mixed-status families can participate.

**AGENDA**

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**3. Informational: Half Moon Bay Clinic, Patient Satisfaction Survey Results**

<p><b>Presented by Jen Gordon, Health Services Manager, San Mateo Medical Center</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year-to-date, the Coastside Clinic has received 3 grievances. Some addressed on site, same day, or within 1 business day.</li> <li>• Grievances are reported to the Patient Experience Department via phone, email, or request in-person appointment with one of the two program coordinators: one Spanish speaker and one English. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interpretation is available for any additional languages.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Additional feedback from patients is collected via phone calls, emails and/or texts with a link to a survey either in Spanish or English.</li> <li>• Is currently working on establishing a Patient and Family Advisory Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The goal is to establish a council for each clinic.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 30 or more surveys submitted a month is considered viable data.</li> <li>• The feedback collected will identify trends to escalate to the Improvement Councils, where they then create improvement proposals to make improvements on services and care.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement Councils are specifically for the San Mateo Medical Center. It was established in the last year and there are 10 Improvement Councils depending on the services.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioners Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair Judith Guerrero: Is there assurance that reporting will be kept confidential, especially when it's done in person? What is difference between formal grievance vs a complaint? How many doctors are in rotation?</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

**4. MidPen Housing Background and Overview of Proposed Affordable Housing Development in Moss Beach**

<b>Presented by Serena Ip, Senior Project Manager and Apolonio Munoz, MidPen Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MidPen Housing is one of the largest non-profit developers, owners, and managers of affordable housing in Northern California.</li> <li>MidPen offers free tailored programs for their residents to have the necessary tools to advance in life. They have programs designed for families and farmworkers.</li> <li>Example services and resources include afterschool academic programs, workforce development, and health and wellness resources.</li> <li>The new proposed project in Moss Beach will be on 11-acres of land.</li> <li>There will 71 units in 16 buildings, amenities included.</li> <li>25% or 18 units at Cypress Point will be reserved for farmworkers.</li> <li>The units are designed for different income levels.</li> <li>People may begin applying in (estimated time) October of 2026. Units available to rent between January-March 2027.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioners Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stephanie Perez: How do you audit once the families are in, and will you check if they still meet the requirements? Who is taken consideration in the income?</li> <li>Yolanda Guzman: What areas are eligible?</li> <li>Jorge Sanchez: Of the 25%, is there a preference for elder farmworkers? Can farmworkers apply for the 75% that are not reserved?</li> <li>Rogelio Nabor-Martinez: Is anyone, including undocumented people eligible? If one partner is a farmworker and the other isn't, are they eligible?</li> <li>Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez: If a farmworker's family is large, do they have the options to choose a 3-bedroom?</li> <li>Judith Guerrero: Is there a system in place to ensure that through the years the 25% continue to be offered to farmworkers?</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JoAnn Sandoval: How does MidPen Housing define a farmworker/agricultural worker? How will they verify someone as a farmworker, is it based on the hours worked? Also invited MidPen to present to Del Campo al Cambio and to hear from the community members in Pescadero.</li> <li>Rita Mancera: Is the 75% a fixed percentage or can it be adjusted to include the southern coastal communities? Is the 25% available to any</li> </ul>

	farmworkers from any county? When families apply do they have to specify which percentage they are applying for? How is the interest list published? How long does someone have to live in one of the preference zone communities?
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**5. Motion: Proposal to alternate Farmworker Advisory Commission meetings between Half Moon Bay and Pescadero**

<b>Facilitated by Judith Guerrero</b>	<p>Motion to <b>alternate</b> the Farmworker Advisory Commission meeting locations between Half Moon Bay and Pescadero.</p> <p>Vice President Stephanie Perez/Second: Commissioner Jorge Sanchez</p> <p><b>Verbal roll call vote was taken:</b>          Yes: Judith Guerrero, Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, Jorge Sanchez, Yesenia Garcia, (7)          No: 0          Abstain: 0          Absent: Corina Rodriguez Perez, John Vars, Jonatan Ramirez (3)</p>
<b>Commissioners Comment</b>	No comment.
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

**6. Debrief: Storm Related Outreach and Communication Efforts**

<b>Facilitated by Judith Guerrero</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners held a discussion on storm related issues and how communication can be improved.</li> <li>• Began conversation on the commissioner’s preferred method to receive weather updates and alerts.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Majority use the weather app, some use SMC Alerts, word-of-mouth, or the news.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Suggestions made for the County’s consideration:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Help or arrange a place for people to evacuate to that provide sleeping areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Challenges mentioned: There are certain areas that do not have cell phone service.</li> <li>• Commissioners agreed they would like for another presentation regarding emergency alerts, evacuation shelters, and storm resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

**7. Report Out**

<p><b>Commissioner’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Judith and Vice Chair Stephanie (both part of the Outreach and Education ad hoc committee for the Farmworker Advisory Commission):</li> </ul>
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- The Education and Outreach committee is planning another Know Your Rights training on 25<sup>th</sup> of June. This training will be in Pescadero and will focus on W-4 forms.
- Rogelio Nabor-Martinez:
  - Del Campo Al Cambio is organizing a community event on May 10, 2024, from 5:30-8:30pm at 350 Stage Rd, Pescadero. Community members will learn about Campo Al Cambio, DCAC'S Advocacy Work, and more. It will also be a Mother's Day Celebration with BBQ.
- Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez:
  - Del Campo Al Cambio has been working and advocating for affordable housing with Puente's support. They are exploring options for housing in Pescadero. Nicolas acknowledges the work that the members of Del Campo Al Cambio have done.
- Jorge Sanchez:
  - Spoke on the lack of affordable housing for farmworkers. On Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting by the Planning Committee to discuss the 555 Kelly Avenue affordable housing project.
  - Thanked farm owners who provide housing for their workers.
- Yesenia Garcia:
  - Yesenia was awarded the first Farmworker of the Year award at the Mel Mello Farm Day on March 22, 2024.
  - The Farmer of the Year Award went to the Fifth Crow Farm team, which commissioner John Vars is a part of.
- Chair Judith:
  - There will be a virtual Foundational Equity Training for Boards and Commissions on Wednesday May 22, 2024, from 3-6:30pm. Translations is available upon request.

**Supervisor's Report**, presented by Marisol Escalera Durani

- Working with the Office of Labor Standards
- Organizing two events for small business owners or those who are interested in entrepreneurship.
  - On May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm, at the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center in the Sequoia classroom at 700 Alma St., Menlo Park. Topics of discussion will be access to capital, how to develop strategies, and funds from the state of California. Additionally, information on what to do if there are natural disasters and what funds are available.
  - Same day on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at the Harbor Village District Office at 270 Capistrano Road, Suite 6 in Half Moon Bay. If interested in attending, let Marisol know.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

**Next Commission Meeting: \***

Wednesday July 10, 2024; 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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