

November 8, 2020

Ventura County Board of Superiors
800 S. Victoria Avenue.
Ventura, Ca 93009-1940

RE: Opposition to Six Pilot Community Workforce Agreements, do not shut out local workers
(Please read during the meeting)

Dear Board of Supervisors:

As an architect and also the property owner in Venture County. I am strongly opposed to the Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) proposed by Supervisor Zaragoza.

The fact of the current law is fair. We have a prevailing wage requirement, and reporting to the DIR. Wages are the same. We have Union and non-union working side by side as it should be. This keeps prices down and makes our tax dollars go further. Workforce agreement will eliminate 85 percent of the contractors and their work force. And make it harder for any general contractor who want to work on Ventura County project to hire skill labors and will take longer time to complete the project. The current prevailing wage for county projects are already double the cost of privately owned projects. By implement CWA, all county projects will raise another 18%. That is a big waste of our taxpayers' money and not to the best interest of taxpayers. So many contractors are against this CWA, but you still want to pass this law. It's easy for you to approve it, but it will be difficult to undo it once you realize it is a big mistake.

Mr. Zaragoza, many citizens & business owners are suffering financial lost from Coronavirus Pandemic. I believe the revenue of the county will also decrease. Please don't impose CWA to make county project more costly and more difficult to build especially under this kind of crisis. It is not fair to your government and to all taxpayers. Any government contractor, as well as the government itself has a responsibility to save money for the county & taxpayers. I urge your board to vote NO on the CWA that is proposed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janie Lai", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Janie Lai,
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