

## Key, Lori

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**From:** Long, Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:12 AM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard; Miller, Brian  
**Subject:** Fwd: CWA/ PLA

Best regards,

Kelly

Kelly Long  
Ventura County Supervisor  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Alejandro Perez <aperez@quadc.org>  
**Date:** September 15, 2020 at 10:24:41 AM PDT  
**To:** "Long, Kelly" <kelly.long@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** FW: CWA/ PLA

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Alejandro Perez <aperez@quadc.org>  
**Date:** 9/15/20 8:43 AM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** CWA/ PLA

Good Morning Kelly,  
My name is Alejandro Perez, I am 40 years old and I was born and raised I Santa Paula and belong to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. I have been a Union Carpenter for the last 18 years and out of the 18 years I have worked in Ventura County twice. All the other years in my career have been in San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles and Kern County. Most of the time when working out of town unfortunately that also means sleeping in a hotel all week and missing precious time with my immediate family, Birthdays, Dinners, special events

and so on. With this CWA/ PLA we can bring back a lot of the work to our home towns and give workers back the time with family and their children. Thank you so much for your support and willingness to work with us on this.

**Best Regards**

**Alejandro Perez**

Carpenters Contractors Cooperation Committee

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**From:** Brian DeVries <brian@devriescon.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 10:17 AM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard; Bennett, Steve; Long, Kelly; Parks, Linda; Supervisor Huber; Zaragoza, John

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Best regards,

Brian DeVries

President

Brian DeVries Construction, Inc.  
ABC, AGC Member  
Contractor's License # 783276

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** Floyd Payne <fpaynepla@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:41 AM  
**To:** Polaris  
**Subject:** CWA Agreement

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**From:** jeffreylovato [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 7:12 PM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** CWA

Dear members of the Board,

I am an Apprentice in a unilateral apprenticeship program with the Associated Builders and Contractors. As a Ventura County resident, I am opposed to the proposed CWA.

The CWA restricts apprentices from unilateral programs from working on projects in Ventura County. Part of the apprenticeship requirements are that I complete a number of hours of on the job training. By approving the CWA you would force me to drive far from home and my family to complete my apprenticeship program.

Please do not make it harder for me to complete my apprenticeship program. Say no to the CWA.

Thank you.

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**From:** Long, Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:11 AM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard; Miller, Brian  
**Subject:** Fwd: VOTE NO on the General Plan on September 15th.

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Kelly

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**From:** Jessica Ramirez <Jessica.Ramirez.360649264@p2a.co>  
**Date:** September 15, 2020 at 12:05:35 PM PDT  
**To:** "Long, Kelly" <kelly.long@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** **VOTE NO on the General Plan on September 15th.**  
**Reply-To:** jessrramirez@hotmail.com

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Dear Supervisor District 3 Kelly Long,

Dear Supervisors,

I am very concerned with the General Plan that you are considering on September 15th. The message of the General Plan is clear: you don't want to support the blue collar families that have made Ventura County work for generations. Ventura County has a proud history of being home to industries that support working families, from fishing to ag to heavy industry to mineral and oil extraction. By enacting a General Plan that seeks to kill these industries, you are sending a message that working families and the blue collar industries that employ them are no longer welcome in Ventura County. On behalf of my own family and the hundreds of thousands of others relying on these industries, I am asking you to VOTE NO on the General Plan on September 15th and vote YES for a county wide project labor agreement.

Regards,  
Jessica Ramirez



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**From:** John Knapp <jknapp@helixelectric.com>  
**Date:** September 15, 2020 at 11:02:30 AM PDT  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>, "Bennett, Steve" <Steve.Bennett@ventura.org>, "Long, Kelly" <kelly.long@ventura.org>, "Parks, Linda" <Linda.Parks@ventura.org>, Supervisor Huber <Supervisor.Huber@ventura.org>, "Zaragoza, John" <John.Zaragoza@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** **We do NOT need a CWA**

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Best regards,

John Knapp | Field Recruitment Manager

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**From:** Dale Bruhl <dalesr@mec-inc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 2:01 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** CWA

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Best regards,  
MEC, Inc.



Dale Bruhl Jr.  
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September 11, 2020

Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009-1940

RE: Opposition to Community Workforce Agreements (Please read at the meeting)

Dear Board of Supervisors:

As a local employer and taxpayer, I am opposed to the Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) proposed by Supervisor Zaragoza.

First, I am opposed to PLA's because they discriminate against local companies and workers that are not signatory to the union. For example, Apprenticeship programs not affiliated with the union will not be able to dispatch local apprentices. This hurts the development of our local workforce and keeps good hard-working people from receiving their on-the-job-training.

Also, PLAs raise costs on projects by as much as 18%. As a taxpayer, I think we should be doing all we can to increase competition and lower costs on the taxpayer. Any government contractor, as well as the government itself, has a responsibility to the taxpayer to be fiscally responsible.

For these reasons and many more, I urge your board to vote no on the CWA that is proposed.

Thank you,

Rick Heldwein, CPA  
Managing Partner  
Ventura County Contractors Association - Member



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Ventura, California 93009

*RE: September 15, 2020 Board of Supervisors **Agenda Item 40**: Consideration of a Community Workforce Agreement Between the County of Ventura, Tri-Counties Building & Construction Trades Council and Signatory Craft Councils and Unions for Specified Public Works Contracts*

Dear Ventura County Supervisor,

As a contractor that has worked on projects in Ventura county both past and present, I strongly urge you to include the Associated General Contractors of California (AGC) in the negotiations for the Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) should the board vote to move forward with a CWA.

For decades, the county of Ventura has been developed, expanded, and maintained thanks to the work of both union and non-union companies. These companies comply with all labor and construction rules and continue to locally support the economic stimulation of the county.

Government mandated labor agreements (PLAs, PSAs, and CWAs), whether they be project specific, municipality specific, or local workforce specific, should be negotiated with contractor input as the contractor that builds the work is ultimately the only entity held responsible to deliver the project under the terms and conditions of any agreement. Lack of contractor input on such agreements can erode the benefits of the competitive bidding process, and cause resources to be spent on additional administrative requirements rather than actual construction of the project itself. Agencies and their projects directly benefit from the expertise provided by contractors who manage the day-to-day construction process.

Again, **I urge you to include AGC members in the negotiations** if the board decides to move forward with the CWA. AGC and its members are committed to delivering timely projects that stay within budget and adhere to the highest safety standards.

Sincerely,

Rick Heldwein, CPA  
Managing Partner  
AGC-CA Tri-Counties Board Member