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Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
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**SUBJECT: Recommendation of Supervisor Bennett and Supervisor Zaragoza to Request a Report Back from the Resource Management Agency on Current and Planned Efforts to Monitor and Enforce County Requirements that Designated Farmworker Housing be Occupied by Farmworkers**

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

Direct the Resource Management Agency to report back to the Board of Supervisors at the meeting of October 6<sup>th</sup> on measures the agency has taken over the last two years to monitor and enforce County requirements that designated farmworker housing be occupied by farmworkers, and report on planned efforts for 2021.

**DISCUSSION:**

The County General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, and the County SOAR Ordinance, all provide special dispensations from standard land use regulations for the development of farmworker housing in Open Space and Agricultural zones. The recent General Plan update furthered these special dispensations. These dispensations include various exemptions from, and relaxations of, land use regulations that would ordinarily prohibit or limit housing in the Agriculture or Open Space zones if it were not farmworker housing.

The purpose of these dispensations is to facilitate the provision of housing expressly for farmworkers in light of these workers' dire need for housing and the attendant benefit to the preservation of agriculture in Ventura County. To assure that this important purpose

is fulfilled, and the housing once constructed is not diverted from use for farmworkers, the County enacts and enforces measures through both the Zoning Ordinance and Conditional Use Permit conditions.

Besides the addition of an exemption in the General Plan we are in the process of adopting at our Board meeting today, there currently is a large farmworker housing complex proposal pending in the Planning Division. For these and other reasons, it would be good for our Board to be informed of and review the measures that the Resource Management Agency employs to monitor and enforce the farmworker housing requirements, and the Agency's plans for such measures for 2021.

Cordially,



John Zaragoza,  
Supervisor, Fifth District



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Supervisor, First District