



HOUSE FARM WORKERS!

Promoting safe, decent, and affordable housing
for Ventura County farm workers since 2004.

October 11, 2021

Board of Supervisors, County of Ventura

Dear Supervisors,

Re: Agenda Item 30: Final 2021-2029 Housing Element

I am writing on behalf of *House Farmworkers!* to express full support for the Housing Element Final draft which you are considering today.

The programs and policies in this Housing Element 2021-2029 will make it possible to provide more urgently needed homes for farmworkers and other low-income Ventura County residents. We especially appreciate your support of Program D – Infrastructure Constraints, Program E – Farmworker Housing Study, and Program O – Funding for Housing Trust Fund.

We commend the creative and collaborative work of the Resource Development Agency in particular Kim Prillhart, Dave Ward, Ruchita Kadakia, Tricia Meier and Jennifer Butler.

And we thank you and your CEO, Mike Powers, for the many ways in which you have recognized the significance of agriculture to Ventura County's economy and way of life. You understand that agriculture's success depends on having land, adequate water and, most of all, workers to plant, tend and harvest the crops. And those hardworking people need and deserve secure and affordable homes.

With much appreciation,

Ellen Brokaw, on behalf of *HFW!* Board of Directors