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General Public Comment - Group 1

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From: Steve S <shs1954@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2025 7:13 AM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Farmworker Wage Increase

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Dear Supervisor Hartmann,

On Memorial Day some of us pause to remember the brave and patriotic Americans "who gave the last full measure of devotion" and those veterans who are no longer with us, whereas so many others use Memorial Day as a "cause for celebration" with barbecues and drinking. Likewise, Labor Day has lost much of its intended purpose - to honor labor, not only the ones who go to work everyday to feed their families, but also those brave workers who marched, went on strike, organized, who were bayoneted and shot, to give American labor an 8-hour work day, the weekends who hold so dear, and the right to collective bargaining.

It has been said that Labor is the source of all wealth and culture. That is true for all of us living here in beautiful Santa Barbara County. How tragic that the source of much of that wealth and culture struggles just to "make ends meet" while others in our county live a life of leisure and privilege. Have you ever visited one of our county's old Spanish missions? Have you heard a docent explain to visitors how the Spanish abused and mistreated the Chumash Indians by making them make bricks, build mission buildings, and PLANT and HARVEST crops? Only to leave the mission and see Mixtec Indians stooped over in the heat HARVESTING the food we eat and the grapes for the wine we drink? The irony is not lost on me! If the Spaniards in charge in 1790 were "cruel" - what does that say about the "cruelty" of the leaders we have today? Think about that for a moment and let it sink in. If that is not cruel enough, these people now must live in FEAR of unidentified masked thugs "disappearing" their friends and family without warrants or due process, not unlike the "slave patrols" of the old antebellum South.

In 2024, Santa Barbara County's agriculture production was over \$2 billion, with \$70 million of that derived from wine grapes. It is disheartening to realize that while some of us get to enjoy the fruits of our labor this Labor Day, the farm workers who contribute to this industry receive only 20-30 cents per bottle of wine sold. All I ask is for you to support farm workers receiving a survivable, living wage to share in the benefits their hard labor generates.

It has also been said that the opposite of wealth is NOT poverty, but injustice. It is unconscionable that their cries for justice go unanswered, particularly when we continue to live our lives without risk while

they continue to risk themselves and their families. Sitting back and doing nothing to correct such an injustice only reveals one's sense of privilege.

You have the opportunity to take bold, decisive action that will change lives and elevate those who have long been overlooked and exploited. Anything less than supporting a living wage for farm workers would be a betrayal to farm workers WHO HAVE NO VOICE at the ballot box, but are, nonetheless, your constituents.

Well, I can vote and I am watching. I hope you can find the moral courage to do what is right and support a living wage of \$26/hour for Santa Barbara's farmworkers. Don't let a future docent say, "the Spanish may have been cruel, but that was NOTHING compared to the wage slavery of the American capitalists of Santa Barbara County." Inaction is complicity.

Please, support a wage increase for farm workers now!

Stephen H. Siemsen CW3, U. S. Army (Retired)

Katherine Douglas

From: Marivel Zambrano-Esparza <mzambranoesparza@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2025 10:49 AM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Support a Farmworker Living Wage!

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Dear Supervisor Hartmann,

It is past time that the workers that feed us, are able to feed themselves and provide for their own families!

It is time we treat our farm workers with the dignity they deserve.

It is past time someone in government demand justice and a living wage for our farmworkers, who work in excessive heat or cold, dying of heat illnesses, endure grueling and dangerous work conditions, and are considered essential workers.

It is appalling that our farm laborers are unable to provide a better life for their families from their very hard work and longer working hours . while making the County of Santa Barbara a virtual billion dollar market for farmers.

It is time for you to stand up for our community of farm laborers!

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, a time for reflection and gratitude, I am sending this email to express my deep concern regarding the urgent need for a living wage for the hardworking farmworkers in our community. As you are well aware, farmworkers do some of the most dangerous and essential jobs in our community, yet agricultural corporations are not paying their workers enough to afford basic needs like rent, groceries, and childcare, despite their invaluable contributions.

Santa Barbara County agriculture is a nearly \$2 billion industry that continues to bring in record revenues by exporting products across the globe. It is disheartening to realize that while these agricultural corporations profit immensely, the very farmworkers who contribute to such a successful industry are only paid 20-30 cents to harvest grapes by hand for each bottle of expensive wine sipped by tourists in our scenic and world-renowned wine country.

This month, you held a hearing at which we witnessed hundreds of farmworkers show their support for a \$26 minimum wage and heard hours of testimonies highlighting the immense struggles faced by their families. Their voices must not be ignored. It would be unconscionable to let their cries for justice go unanswered, especially at a time when we are meant to give thanks for all we have.

You have the opportunity to take a bold, decisive action that will change lives and elevate those who have long been overlooked. Anything less than supporting a living wage for farmworkers would be a betrayal of their dignity and contributions to our community.

Please listen to the voices of farmworkers and support real solutions proposed by farmworkers themselves, not small gestures proposed by industry that only tinker at the margins of poverty and inequality. We urge you to directly tackle the root cause of our community's suffering: raise farmworker wages now!

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From: Anonymousemail <noreply@anonymousemail.se>
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2025 12:41 PM
To: sbcob

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TO:
Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
RE: General Public Comment - Free Speech Rights on Privately Owned Public Spaces
Preventing liability under 42USC1983
CC: Pastebin, for presentation as needed in the field
Date: August 31, 2025

GREETINGS,

I am writing to ensure SB County deputies and security personnel are aware that free speech, including music, petitioning and expressive activity, is protected under California law on privately owned properties open to the public. As demonstrated by *Pruneyard v. Robbins*, publicly accessible shopping centers must allow reasonable free speech activities.

Over the years, I've engaged in expressive activity at local shopping centers, including "edutainment playing music and sharing cultural content. Many store managers and employees have supported my presence, understanding that it is protected speech.

However, Mission Security has frequently attempted to intimidate individuals engaging in free expression, including also Henry the Starving Artist, misapplying Penal Code 602 in an effort to suppress protected activity.

While reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions are allowed, security personnel are not authorized to prohibit free speech entirely, as they often do. This overreach may create 42USC1983 or even tort liability for government actors who might support such actions.

It's essential that deputies and security guards are reminded of these legal protections to avoid unnecessary harassment and potential legal consequences. I request that the Sheriff's Department and County Counsel ensure that county personnel are aware of these constitutional rights and balance these considerations when confronted with over-zealous attempts to constrict petitioners, artists and musicians at local shopping malls.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Music Arts Guild Information Center
Santa Barbara, CA

Katherine Douglas

From: Kari Aist <mom4mykids@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 8:55 AM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Hey, Joan, Be Just! Pass a Living Wage for Farmworkers!

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In these violent times when immigrants are being criminally attacked and abducted, the least you can do is ensure a **living wage for farmworkers**. Use your power to make this happen!

*Do not ignore their need **a second time**, especially in this dire time.* It would be unconscionable to let their cries for justice go unanswered, particularly when we continue to live our lives without risk while they continue to risk themselves and their families for the very things we enjoy.

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Raise farmworker wages now!

--Kari Aist  

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"Believe with all your heart that how you live your life makes a difference."

--Colin Beavan

"We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude and bond."

--Gwendolyn Brooks

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From: Daniela Soleri <soleri@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 9:16 AM
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Sail on, sail on
O mighty ship of state!
To the shores of need
Past the reefs of greed
Through the squalls of hate
Sail on, sail on, sail on...

....It's here the family's broken
And it's here the lonely say
That the heart has got to open
In a fundamental way
Democracy is coming to the U.S.A

Democracy, Leonard Cohen 1992

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From: Judy Lucas <judy.fisk.lucas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 4:03 PM
To: Joan Hartmann
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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Joanne Cesar <joanne4.jc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 6:12 PM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
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Standing up!

Joanne Cesar
Indivisible Santa Maria

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From: Leah Heasly <leahheasly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 5:24 AM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Joan Be Just: Pass a Living Wage for Farmworkers!

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Leah Heasly

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From: Ross Heckmann <rosss.heckmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 3:50 PM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
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Katherine Douglas

From: Kristen Kessler <kess4652@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 4:26 PM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Pass a living wage for farmworkers

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Kristen Kessler

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From: Lori Bates <vivaaloha@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 4:28 PM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
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Thank you,
Lori Bates
Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 5:27 PM
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Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Ann Dorsey <aedorsey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 7:58 PM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Joan Be Just: Pass a Living Wage for Farmworkers!

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Thank you,

Ann Dorsey

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which the University of California, Santa Barbara is located, and pay my respect to the Chumash Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, and the culture of this area, which has become a place of learning for people from all over the world.

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From: David A. Cleveland <cleveland@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 6:25 AM
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From: Elana Muldavin <elanamuldavin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 3:53 PM
To: Joan Hartmann
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Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 4:11 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 4:15 PM
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If you want peace, work for justice

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From: Vanessa Joseph <vanessa.joseph@yahoo.com>
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From: Lauren Marie Oommen <lmoommen@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 5:42 AM
To: Joan Hartmann
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Sincerely,

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From: Jessica Ross <jessica.ross9@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 9:18 AM
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From: Nadia Barboza <barboza.nadia.n@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 10:26 AM
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Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 10:51 AM
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From: Susan Whitlock <whitlock@umich.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 12:39 PM
To: Joan Hartmann
Cc: sbcob
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Dear Supervisor Hartmann,

While many spent this Labor Day weekend savoring the fruits of our land, touring our beautiful wine country, and sipping on fine wines in the Santa Ynez Valley, I am sending this email because I cannot forget the hands that make this possible every year. I am expressing my deep concern regarding the urgent need for a living wage for the hardworking farmworkers in our community.

In 2024, Santa Barbara County agriculture production value reached \$2 billion, \$70 million of that deriving from wine grapes. It is disheartening to realize that while we all get to enjoy the fruits of their labor, the very **farmworkers who contribute to such a successful industry are only paid 20-30 cents** to harvest grapes by hand for each bottle of expensive wine sipped by tourists and ourselves in our scenic and world-renowned wine country. All we ask today is for you to allow farmworkers to enjoy some of the benefits their hard labor generates.

As you are well aware, farmworkers have been violently targeted in Santa Barbara County with workplace raids violently stripping people from their families. At the most recent Santa Barbara County Board meeting, you heard advocates, allies, and loved ones of undocumented workers call for a **living wage for farmworkers**. It is the least you can do in your position.

*Do not let their voices be ignored **a second time**, especially in this dire time.* It would be unconscionable to let their cries for justice go unanswered, particularly when we continue to live our lives without risk while they continue to risk themselves and their families for the very things we enjoy.

You have the opportunity to take a bold, decisive action that will change lives and elevate those who have long been overlooked. Anything less than supporting a living wage for farmworkers would be a betrayal to farmworkers and your constituents.

We're watching and we're pushing because now more than ever, we need brave leaders. Farmworkers show that bravery every day; now we ask, will you?

Raise farmworker wages now!

Sincerely,

Susan Whitlock

Ann Arbor, Michigan

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"The tranquil heart may yet outrun the rocket and the car." --E. B. White