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Good morning,

Please see the attached letter from the Agricultural Advisory Committee regarding Rural Safety.

Kind Regards,

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Could you please send this to the COB today, and if you have time, could you make copy's for the committee today.  
Let me know,  
Thanks,  
Paul

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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 East Anapamu  
Santa Barbara CA 93101

RE: Rural Safety

Dear Chair Nelson, Fellow Supervisors,

The Agricultural Advisory Committee would like to express its appreciation for the recent attention to Rural Safety in Santa Barbara County. Rural Safety presents significant and unique needs to maintain a thriving agricultural economy, safe and orderly rural workplaces, and safe and comfortable rural spaces. Although unique challenges remain, we note and appreciate the improvement in Rural Safety as a result of these efforts. We would like to express our strong support for the prospect of an additional Rural Crime Detective position to support and reinforce this unique and highly valued position. We further would like to express our concern about the potential negative implications of experimenting with a call-based staffing model for rural areas, as compared to more urbanized portions of the County. As the County finalizes its budget for the year, we would like to reinforce our appreciation of and the need for ongoing dedication to Rural Safety.

Sincerely,

Paul Van Leer, Chair

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