

Public Comment - Group 1

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From: [Eileen Boris](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
Cc: [sbcob](#)
Subject: Support a Farmworker Living Wage!
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 11:21:18 AM

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Eileen Boris
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From: [Vicky Curtis](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
Cc: [sbcob](#)
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~Vicky Curtis

From: [Chantal Cagle](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
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Sincerely
C. Cagle

From: [Ronit](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
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Ronit Corry
Santa Barbara, CA

From: [Martha Peyton](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
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From: [Ashley Heatherly](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
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Thank you and Happy Holidays,
Ashley H.

From: [Emily Varela](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
Cc: [sbcob](#)
Subject: Support a Farmworker Living Wage!
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Emily Varela

From: [Metzli Jewelry](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
Cc: [sbcob](#)
Subject: Support a Farmworker Living Wage!
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From: kcerritos@umail.ucsb.edu
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
Cc: [sbcob](#)
Subject: Santa Barbara Farmworker Rights
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In Solidarity,

Kristel Cerritos

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Vice President, Labor and Working Class History (LAWCHA), 2024-2026

<https://www.lawcha.org/>

New Book: *Making the Woman Worker: Precarious Labor and the Fight for Global Standards, 1919-2019* (Oxford) <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/making-the-woman-worker-9780190874629?cc=us&lang=en&>

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.

From: [Sharon Paltin](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#); [sbcob](#)
Subject: I support a Farmworker Living Wage
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 12:51:30 PM

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Dear Supervisor Hartmann,

I am writing as a Family Physician who cares deeply about the ability of farmworkers to safely make a living which can support their families.

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Thank you for your kind attention,

Sharon Paltin, M.D.

From: [Erica Helson](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
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Thank you,

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Erica Helson

From: [Kari Aist](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
Cc: [sbcob](#)
Subject: Support a Farmworker Living Wage!
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 1:01:24 PM

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Supervisor Hartmann--

I implore you to support farmworkers by use your power to help farmworkers gain the living wage of \$26 an hour that they seek, need, and deserve.

Be there for the people who are counting on you to make their lives economically viable here so that they might do their work which sustains all our lives.

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--Kari Aist
Pronouns: she, her
805-323-6063

8892 Tacoma Street, Ventura 93004

"Believe with all your heart that how you live your life makes a difference" - Colin Beavan

From: [Ched Myers](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
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Charles Myers

[Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries](#) (on [Facebook](#))

PO Box 328, Oak View, CA 93022 805-836-1227

We live and work on unceded and untreated Chumash territory in the Ventura River Watershed.

From: [Adriana Mandujano Angel](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
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Álvaro de Regil
Moorpark, CA

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Sincerely, Mari Rose Taruc
former Co-Chair of the AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee

From: [lauren Ornelas](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
Cc: [sbcob](#)
Subject: Support a Farmworker Living Wage!
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 1:56:47 PM
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My organization has delivered school supplies for the children of farm workers living in Santa Maria for the past two years and we have heard from them how the school supplies help them so much so they can use their money to provide for their families in other ways.

Farm workers work difficult jobs and long days and their pay is not equal to the work they are doing, which impacts their ability to provide all they can for their children.

Like all parents, these are families who are sacrificing everything they can to help their children succeed and have a better future.

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With appreciation,
lauren



lauren Ornelas(*she, her, hers*)

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From: [Adriana Mandujano Angel](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
Cc: [sbcob](#)
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With gratitude,

Sam C-M.

From: [Nancy Clarin](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
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To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
Cc: [sbcob](#)
Subject: Living Wage for Farmworkers - Please Support
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Respectfully,

Suzanne Harvey
Ojai, California 93023

From: [Daniela Soleri](#)
To: [Joan Hartmann](#)
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