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Dear Chairman Lavagnino and Honorable Board Members,

On your agenda next Tuesday, 10/10/24, you will consider the adoption of a proposed Ag Enterprise Ordinance.

On behalf of the SBCTAC and our over 300 members, the SBCTAC strongly urges the Board to proceed with the changes recommended to the Board by the comments submitted by Claire Wineman, as President on behalf of the Growers & Shippers Association of SB & SLO Counties.

In particular of major concern to the G & S Association and their members is how the proposed overlay may end up having a negative impact on agricultural operations. To address that problem G & S Association recommends the following change, "We believe that a localized, permissive overlay would best accomplish the stated goals, and also continue to advocate for private party agreements as an

additional means to resolve the local needs and circumstances of an individual site. As a second alternative, we believe that reinstating setbacks of 1,000 feet from row crops and 400 feet from orchards and vineyards would best protect the vitality of production agriculture countywide and provide more equitable treatment of agricultural operations throughout the County. The language presented to the Planning Commission in Attachment G – Revised Draft Setback Development Standard outlined a viable mechanism for adjusting these setbacks downwards where welcome and appropriate." The SBCTAC fully supports this recommendation and change, and all the recommendations made in the letter submitted by the G & S Association, to what is being proposed.

The SBCTAC wants to thank you for your consideration of our recommendations. At the end of the day, the SBCTAC is confident the Board will do what is in the best interest of agriculture to keep the agricultural industry strong and vibrant in SB County.

Best regards,  
Mike Stoker  
President & CEO, SBCTAC