

Brianda Negrete

From: Andy Caldwell <andy@colabsbc.org>
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 9:39 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: public comment D-1 11.29.2022

Importance: High

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Cc: Miyasato, Mona <mmiyasato@countyofsb.org>
Subject: Your Board is about to BREAK any relationship you have with the AG Community!
Importance: High

Chair Hartmann and Members of the Board,

Item D-1 on your agenda tomorrow is one of the most egregious items ever.

The insult to injury? Not a single farmer I know knew this was coming!

Your AG Advisory Committee was not informed either.

Is that how you intend to treat the largest industry in the county???

You obviously have no idea of what the farmers in our region think about CAUSE.

CAUSE presents itself to you as a farmworker support group. Whereas our local farmers realize that the real mission of CAUSE is political and labor organizing.

So, you are teaming up with them to create a \$1 million dollar farm labor center???

Whether they end up being the contractor or not, this money will go to their CAUSE at the expense of grower relations with you and their employees.

For instance:

CAUSE has been spreading misinformation to vulnerable farmworkers, their families, and children for a decade or so. All their efforts are aimed at creating mistrust, resentment, and agitation between growers and field workers.

The ag community was thoroughly insulted when your public health dept sought out the help of CAUSE to reach farmworkers instead of ag organizations and employers during covid and here once again CAUSE was spreading disinformation about all that the ag community was doing to keep its workers safe and our food supply going.

There are government agencies, non-profits, and for-profit entities that provide all the services you are intending to provide.

Please remove D-1 from your agenda.

Andy Caldwell
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From: tstrickin@aol.com
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Subject: Departmental Item #1

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Chair Hartman and Board Members:

I urge you to remove D-1 from the agenda on 11/29/22. I do not understand the County "partnering" with CAUSE, a local, radical advocacy group for farm workers, on a grant using TAXPAYER funds.

Would the County be happy to support taxpayer monies subsidizing local unions in their dealings with the County on organizing, bargaining, etc.? Of course not.

It would seem that something having to do with a farmworker resource center would include farmers in that discussion. I'm under the impression that never happened in this instance. Why not?

As the County's mission statement says:

"Collaborative Problem Solving: Develop innovative and better solutions to difficult problems and focus on outcomes with shared accountability and ownership. Reach solutions by pooling knowledge, skills and efforts and collaboratively act to achieve desired outcomes."

I am not seeing any "collaboration" on this resource center grant. As a taxpayer, I do not want to assist a radical organization, with additional funding, that consistently fights our largest industry in the County. This is not the business of the County! If CAUSE wants to build a "Farmworker Resource Center", let them, but not on the taxpayers dime.

Please remove this item from your agenda.

Terri Stricklin

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From: Sandy Diaz <winslowdiaz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 2:15 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Funding for Farmworker Resource Center

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D1 Funding for a County Farmworker Resource Center

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

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Thank you.

Sandy Diaz

Justice for All Ventura

Cause

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From: Johnny Flores <johnny_flores@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 2:17 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Hartmann, Joan; Supervisor Das Williams; Hart, Gregg
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Kind Regards

Johnny Flores

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Teresa

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Teresa Alvarez, MA

Executive Director

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From: scottfina@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 2:30 PM
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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I write to urge you to authorize the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to apply for state grant funding to create a local Farmworker Resource Center!

Our neighboring Ventura County Farmworker has a Resource Program that has helped to improve working conditions for local farmworkers, and enables them to receive assistance in navigating public agencies, receive information on wage and hour laws, health and safety laws, resolve workplace disputes and pursue other legal rights.

This success has created opportunity for state grant funding to expand this program to three other California counties. Santa Barbara County should be one of them!

Surely our farmworkers in Santa Barbara County are just as worthy of this resource! Such a program ultimately serves all of us, helping to keep our farmworkers healthy and productive, and assuring they have the resources they need to live and support their families.

There is a moral imperative here: a question of justice and compassion for the people who most contribute to our local and regional economy.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Scott Fina, Ph.D.
4430 Old Mill Court
Santa Maria, CA 93455

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From: Steph Karba <karbatron@gmail.com>
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Steph Karba

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I'm a longtime resident of Ventura, and supporter of CAUSE and our farmworker community.
Please do what you can to create a Farmworker Resource Center.
I'm so pleased we have a Center for our essential workers in Ventura County.

Thank you.

Carol Lindberg

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Sincerely,

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