



# Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau #16

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Honorable Joan Hartman  
County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors  
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**Subject: Long Range Planning Division's Annual Work Plan FY 2017-2018**

Dear Chair Hartman and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau (SBCFB) and its 500 farmer and rancher members we are pleased to comment on the Long Range Planning Division's Annual Work Plan for fiscal Year 2017-2018.

As a member on the Board of Supervisors' Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) we would like to express our support of the programs that the AAC recommended:

- Agricultural Exemptions in the Coastal Zone
- Agricultural Permit Tier Program
- Agricultural Second Units on AG-II zoned lands
- Streamlined Farmworker Housing

SBCFB feels strongly that each these programs will assist our members and that funding them in the Department's Long Range Work Plan will demonstrate the County's continued support for agriculture and understanding of the benefits that successful agricultural operations provide all residents of Santa Barbara County.

The Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau Board of Directors respectfully thanks the Board of Supervisors for your review of the above comments.

Sincerely,

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President

CC: Dr. Glenn Russell, Director; Planning and Development Department