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Dear Clerk of the Board

Please deliver the attached letter to the BOS for tomorrow's hearing. Thank you.

June VanWingerden

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Santa Barbara County Flower & Nursery Growers Association

Board of Supervisors

County of Santa Barbara

105 East Anapamu Street

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Dear Clerk of the Board (to be delivered to Supervisors):

RE: Coastal Commission Certification for AED's in the Coastal Zone

Dear Supervisors:

The Santa Barbara County Flower and Nursery Growers' Association wants to thank you for attempting to help growers provide worker housing for their employees. We growers, especially in the Carpinteria Valley area, have been struggling with the high cost of housing for our employees for many years. All our growing areas are in the Coastal Zone. Most of our parcels are small...5 acres, 10 acres, 15 acres, etc. If we put worker housing on a small parcel that requires the workers to work on that parcel, that parcel would need to have greenhouses to require that many workers. It takes about 2 employees per acre of greenhouse. Open field flowers require more workers at times and none at other times. Most growers shift their workers from parcel to parcel to keep the work full time and year around. Orchards take about 1 part time employee per 20 acres. A parcel that has been fully built out to greenhouses does not leave much space for worker housing, so it would make sense to build the worker housing on a nearby open field parcel. You can see that this is not so simple. Maybe you could just add that the workers may work within a 2-mile radius. This ordinance is limited in its usefulness. It would be great for a 100-acre parcel or greater. It doesn't make much sense on the small parcels in Carpinteria.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

June Van Ungerden
June Van Wingerden, President