



# Farmworker Advisory Commission

# First Meeting Report

Board of Supervisors

December 6, 2022

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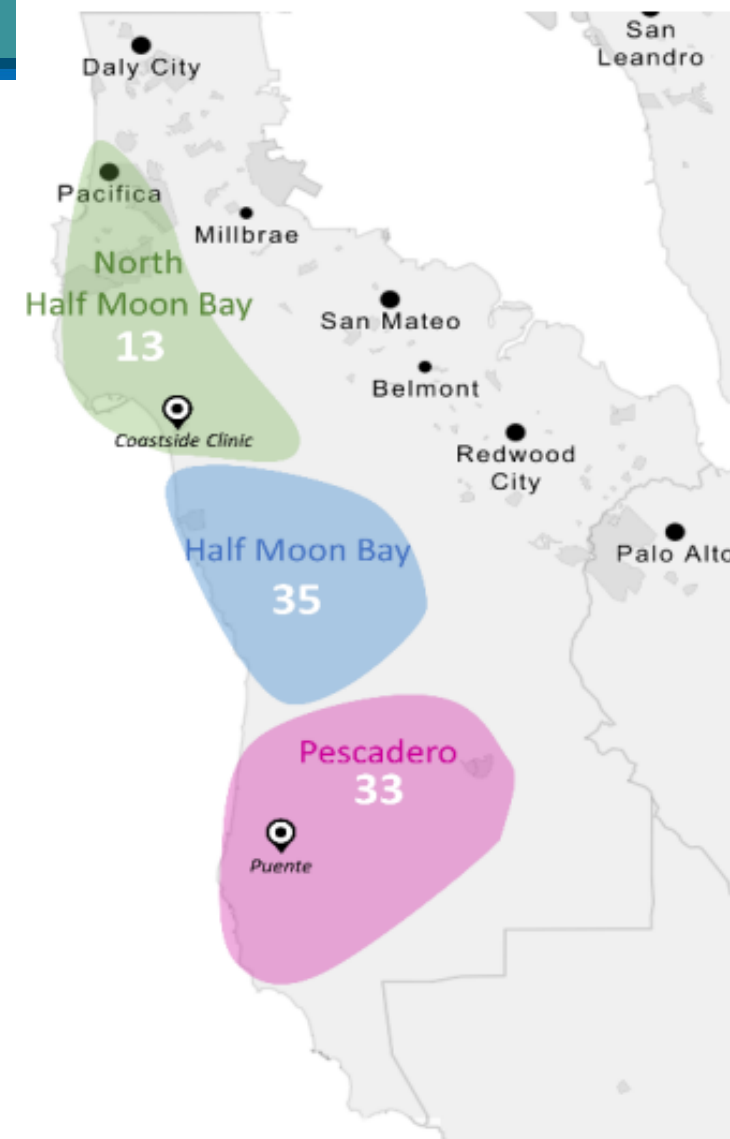
# Overview of Presentation

- Agriculture in San Mateo County
- Background on Commission
- Purpose of Commission & Membership
- County support
- First Meeting Report

# Background

- Agricultural industry within SMC economy
  - \$97,969,000 in 2021
- Approximately 80 farms\*
- Between 1,300 – 1,600 farmworkers
  - 1,700 - 2,000 farmworker dependents

Agricultural Areas in SMC and Number of growers (2019)



\*Information from the 2019 Needs Assessment, San Mateo County Health Care for the Homeless and Farmworker Program

# Background

- COVID-19
- Farmworker Listening Sessions
  - Coordination with Ayudando Latinos a Soñar, Puente de la Costa Sur, and the Farmworker Affairs Coalition
- Researched best practices and other jurisdictions

# Commission Purpose

This Commission is the first of its kind in the state!

- Help navigate public agencies and access services
- Build trust
- Enhance reputation
- Increase awareness
- Advise the Board
- Develop policy recommendations
- Serve as a forum
- Advocate and support

# Commission Membership

- 4 Farmworker Commissioners: Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Yesenia Garcia
- 1 Family Member Commissioner: Jacqueline Nabor-Gomez
- 3 CBO Commissioners: Corina Rodriguez Perez (Puente), Judith Guerrero (Coastside Hope), Stephanie Perez (Catholic Charities)
- 1 Agricultural Community Member Commissioner: Jonatan Ramirez (Rocket Farms)
- 1 Agricultural Advisory Commissioner: John Vars (Fifth Crow Farms)

# Commission Support

- Live interpretation (Spa – Eng)
- Staff support
  - Office of Community Affairs
  - Healthcare for the Homeless/ Farmworker Health Program
- Professional training through Urban Habitat

# First Meeting November 16

- ~30 members of public
- 8 Commissioners sworn in
- Public comment of support
- Brown Act overview
- Urban Habitat overview



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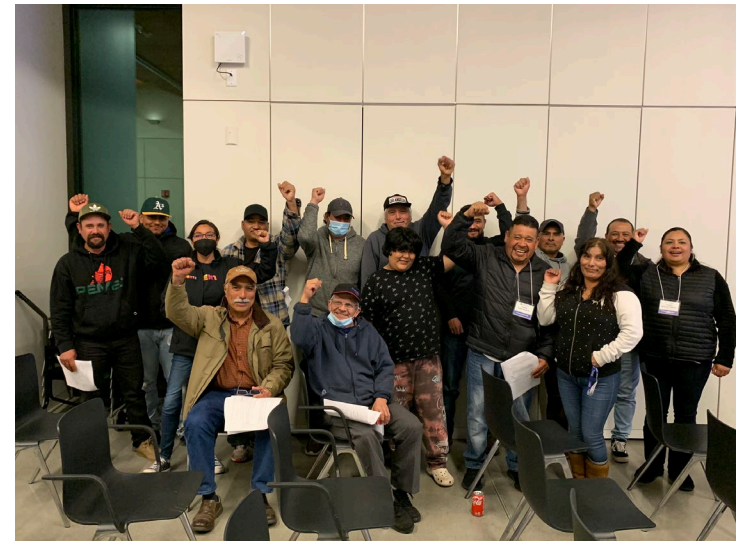
- Commission's first action
  - 2nd Wednesday of every other month beginning January; 7pm; HMB Library
- Spanish with English interpretation
- Received positive feedback from Commissioners, staff, CBOs, and public

# Pictures!





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# Questions?

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