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**FOR**

**ITEM NO. 3**

## Sukhmani Purewal

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Hello,

Please accept comment from Fresh Approach in response to Agenda Item 3, SMC Strong.

"A vibrant local food system is always essential to the public's health and well-being. In a time of crisis we need, more than ever, innovative strategies to support our local under-resourced families, farmers, and partner organizations that serve them so that we can ensure a resilient community that can withstand hardships associated with emergencies, such as COVID-19." - Scott Morrow, MD, MPH, MBA (San Mateo County's Health Officer and member of the SMC Food System Alliance)

As San Mateo County responds to the unprecedented and ongoing emergency of COVID-19, Fresh Approach and Pie Ranch, on behalf of area non-profits and local food systems stakeholders, request that emergency funding be specifically allocated for local farms in San Mateo County. By providing economic stimulus to these farms, the county's dollars will be performing double duty: **1)** providing essential support to local businesses that are 100% invested in SMC and protecting the livelihoods of those employed there and **2)** protecting essential food supply chains that direct highly nutritious food to all communities in SMC.

Thank you

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