The Farmworker Advisory Commission brings visibility to issues that disproportionately affect farmworkers, advises the Board of Supervisors on policies and initiatives, serves as a forum for the community, and advocates/supports the farmworker community.

The Farmworker Advisory Commission was held in person at the Half Moon Bay Library’s Community Room (620 Correas St., Half Moon Bay).

1. **ROLL CALL**

   **Present:** Commissioners Yesenia Garcia, Judith Guerrero, Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, Jonathan Ramirez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, John Vars

   **Staff Present:** District 3 Board Liaison Brea Hunter, Deputy County Attorney Lauren Carrol, Consultant Facilitator Debbie Schechter, Community Affairs Office Emma Gonzalez, Kenny Chu, Emily Smith, Megan Gosch, Nancy Cubias, Jennifer Castro-Lara

**AGENDA**

2. **Welcome & Introductions**

   Delivered by San Mateo County Board of Supervisors President Don Horsley

   - Welcomed and congratulated the new commissioners to the first ever Farmworkers Advisory Commission meeting.

   Public Comment

   - Rita Mancera.

3. **Swearing-In of New Commissioners**

   Administered by County Attorney John Nibbelin

   Board of Supervisors new appointees to the Farmworker Advisory Commission:

   - Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, representing Farmworker for an initial term ending September 30, 2025; and
   - Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, representing Farmworker for an initial staggered partial term ending September 30, 2024; and
   - Yolanda Guzman Calderon, representing Farmworker for an initial term ending September 30, 2025; and
   - Yesenia Garcia, representing Farmworker for an initial staggered term ending September 30, 2024; and
• Judith Guerrero, representing Community-Based Organization for an initial term ending September 30, 2024; and
• Stephanie Perez, representing Community-Based Organization for an initial staggered term ending September 30, 2025; and
• Jonatan Ramirez, representing Agricultural Industry for an initial term ending September 30, 2025; and
• John Vars, representing San Mateo County Agricultural Advisory Committee for an initial staggered term ending September 30, 2024.

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4. Public Comment

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5. Overview and Training: Ralph M. Brown Act

Presented by Lauren Carroll with the County of San Mateo Attorney’s Office

• Introduction of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

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6. Overview of Farmworker Advisory Commission Meetings and Training Plan

Presented by Urban Habitat – Larisa Casillas, Program Director for Leadership, Development and Advocacy

• Introduction of Urban Habitat.
  o Regional Policy Advocacy Organization based in Oakland.
  o Founded the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute program.
    ▪ Train and support low-income communities of color to serve on boards and commissions.
  • Will be conducting a total of four (4) trainings.
    o Themes for future trainings: Relationship building, Equity and Equality, Commissions as a strategy to create change in the community, tools for commissioners, and one-on-one support.

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7. Determine Frequency of Training, Regular Meetings & Language of Meetings
8. Overview & Discussion of Elected Positions

Presented by Lauren Carroll with the County of San Mateo Attorney’s Office

- Discussed the roles and responsibilities of Chair and Vice Chair.
  - Chair: Facilitates meeting and engage in discussions with staff outside of meetings.
  - Vice Chair: Steps in when Chair is absent.
- Commissioners will vote on elected positions in next meeting.

Commissioners Comment
- Commissioner Judith Guerrero

Public Comment
- No public comment.

9. Report Out

Supervisor’s Report, presented by Brea Hunter
- No report out.
**Commissioner’s Report**
- No report out.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

**Next Commission Meeting:**
Wednesday January 11, 2023; 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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