



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSION**  
FARMWORKER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Half Moon Bay Library,  
Community Room,  
620 Correas St, Half  
Moon Bay, CA  
[www.farmworkercommission.org](http://www.farmworkercommission.org)

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**September 10, 2025**

**6:00pm**

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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 Community Room (620 Correas St, Half Moon Bay)**

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety here: [YouTube Video](#)

**1. Roll Call**

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**Present:**

Commissioners: Judith Guerrero, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, Corina Rodriguez Perez, Jorge Sanchez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, John Vars

Staff: Jennifer Castro-Lara, Nancy Cubias, Liset Gutierrez Barraza, Marisol Escalera Durani (via zoom)

**2. General Public Comment**

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**Public Comments:**

JoAnn Sandoval

**3. Motion to Approve Agenda**

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**Motion to approve the agenda.**

**Motion: Stephanie Perez / Second: Jorge Sanchez**

**Commission voted unanimously.**

**4. Informational: Coastside Clinic and Pescadero Mobile Clinic – Response to Farmworker Advisory Commission Listening Session**

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**Speaker: Jack Nasser**, Deputy Director of Ambulatory Services, San Mateo Medical Center

- Recognizes the feedback provided by the community at the Farmworker Advisory Commission listening session.
- Hired additional staff, enhancing their ability to provide more consistent access to care.
- Expanded its hours, now including openings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.
- Sunday clinic hours are available for anyone who is a farmworker.

- People seeking appointments for Sunday must make an appointment through ALAS, a trusted local organization.
- Enhanced its language access by offering interpretation services through tablet phone calls and increasing the number of Spanish-speaking personnel.
- Clinic is also working on a drop-in or same day appointments schedule.
- To improve follow-up and result access, they are encouraging patients to enroll in the EPIC MyChart system.
- Improving their patient experience and training through the We Care Program.
- Explain how they are working to continually enhance their efforts based on feedback from the community.

**Commissioner Inquiries:**

1. Inquires about how improvements have impacted the call availability, specifically call wait times.
2. Inquires on whether billing issues are continuing to occur.
3. The Commission informs that they plan to hold another listening session in about a year to continue gathering community feedback.

**In-Person Public Comments:**

None.

## **5. Presentation: Overview of the “Semillas del Cambio: Advancing Dignified Housing for Farmworkers on the San Mateo County Coast” Report**

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**Speaker: Amanda Chang**, Program Director of Equitable Development, Urban Habitat

- Shares their findings after interviewing 22 farmworkers on the Coast side about their experiences with housing.
- Findings reveal high rent rates even in subsidized housing, vulnerability to exploitative and hazardous living conditions, ongoing fear of unemployment correlated with housing stability, and challenges in finding affordable housing, particularly for single mothers.
- Share recommendations that the county can implement to improve the housing situation.
- Recommendations include:
  - Supporting farmworkers in organizing,
  - Implementing protections specifically designed for farmworkers,
  - Adopting a proactive countywide rental inspection and licensing process,
  - Promoting community ownership of permanently affordable and dignified housing, and
  - Empowering farmworker advisory bodies to carry out these recommendations.
- Invited farmworkers, Bernadina and Guillermo, to share their experience with housing.

**Commissioner Inquiries:**

1. Will there be any other audiences receiving the report?
2. Supports that the county needs to take concrete actions to improve the housing situation.
3. Shares that Del Campo Al Cambio is also advocating for improvement in farmworker housing and supports the need for action.
4. Is the farmworker feedback only about affordable housing? Was there feedback about home ownership?

**In-Person Public Comments:**

Dr. Patrick Horn, Margarito Ramirez.

## **6. Informational: Introduction to Del Campo Al Cambio and Overview of the Program**

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**Speaker:** Del Campo Al Cambio

- Program was formed back in August 2022 with the objective of identifying the needs of the Pescadero community.
- Members consist of former and current farmworkers doing various work in agriculture.
- Del Campo Al Cambio main focus is housing for farmworkers and meet about twice a month.
- Also focus on obtaining safe and clean water. In December of 2023, began their efforts to expand access to potable water at Pescadero High School. Aims to have clean water at the school before the end of the school year.
- Traveled to Sacramento to continue advocating for their needs.
- Del Campo Al Cambio had the opportunity to meet with Assembly Member Marc Berman.
- Asks the commission to bring the farmworker community together to share their experiences with the hope of change.

**Commissioner Inquiries:**

1. The Commission will consider holding another Listening Session discussing the topic of housing.

**In-Person Public Comments:**

Dr. Patrick Horn.

## 7. Report Outs

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**Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioners: Judith Guerrero, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez.

**District 3:** Marisol Escalera Durani

- Marisol and Jack Nasser are working together to set goals and track improvements made to the coastal clinics.
- Applicants who have applied to serve on the Commission will be contacted by to schedule an interview.

## 8. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:**

Wednesday November 12, 2025; 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
at the Multipurpose Room at **the Pescadero High School.**