



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
BOARDS AND COMMISSION
FARMWORKER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Multipurpose Room,
360 Butano Cutoff
Pescadero, CA, 94060
www.farmworkercommission.org

November 13, 2024

6:00pm

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 Pescadero High School *Multipurpose Room* (360 Butano Cutoff., Pescadero).

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

1. Roll Call

Present:

Commissioners: Judith Guerrero, Yolanda Guzman Calderon, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Stephanie Perez, Corina Rodriguez Perez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez, Jorge Sanchez

Staff: Jennifer Castro-Lara, Nancy Cubias, Marisol Escalera Durani

Absent:

Commissioner: John Vars

2. General Public Comment

In-Person Public Comments:

JoAnn Sandoval

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Vice chair Stephanie / Second: Yolanda

Commission voted unanimously.

4. Informational: Farmworker Advisory Commission 2nd Anniversary and Acknowledgement of Accomplishments

Speakers: Chair Judith Guerrero

- The Commission celebrated their 2nd year anniversary.

- Provided a recap of what the Commission accomplished in the 2 years.

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

5. Motion to Set Time and Place for Regular Meetings

Motion to set time for the Farmworker Advisory Commission regular meetings to begin at 6:00pm.

Motion: Corina Rodriguez Perez / Second: Jorge

Commission voted unanimously.

In-Person Public Comments:

None

6. Informational: Migrant Education Program

Speaker: Gerardo Barba, Program Recruiter, Migrant Education Program

- Program overview: This program provides supplementary education and support services for students ages 3-21.
- Services: Vision & Dental screening, Advocacy and Referrals to mental health services, Transportation, Academic Field Trips, school materials, laptops, Wi-Fi when applicable.
- Counties: Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Alameda and San Mateo.
- Recruitment: Referrals, School sponsored events, Presentations, Community sponsored events, Canvassing at migrant housing centers, low-income neighborhoods, and Employment sites.
- Qualifications: Moving from one school district to another, moves must be related to work in either agriculture or fishing industries within 60 days of arrival in the last 36 months. Ages 3 to 21 and have not yet received a high school diploma or GED.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. Is there a future plan to provide services for students who still need resources after the three-year mark?
2. Do the students need to move out of the county, or city to qualify for services?

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

7. Presentation: Immigrant Access to Benefits

Speakers: Stacey Hawver and Brian Fraser, Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County

- Types of benefits: Social Security Retirement, Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Income, and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants.
- SSR Requirements: Be 62 years old or older, have worked and paid Social Security taxes for at least 10 years, and be lawfully present in this country.
- SSD Requirements: Have a disability that keeps you from working for at least one year. Have worked and paid Social Security taxes for at least 5 of the last 10 years. Be lawfully present in this country.

- SSI Requirements: Be age 65 or older OR have a disability that keeps you from working for at least one year. Have low income and have less than \$2,000 in property (\$3,000 for couple). Have SSI qualifying immigration status.
- CAPI Requirements: Be age 65 or older OR have a disability. Have low income and have less than \$2,000 in property (\$3,000 for couple). Not be eligible for SSI because of immigration status but Have CAPI qualifying immigration status.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. Is there any statute of limitations the public should be aware of?
2. Does someone still qualify if they have a social security number but no green card?
3. What do you mean by “have less than \$2,000 in property”?
4. Can you earn the “10 years” from a spouse?
5. When you work with an ITIN number and then receive a social security number will earnings transfer?

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

8. Presentation: Housing and Tenant Rights

Speakers: Katie Roussos and Nadia, Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County

- Employer provided housing: The boss (Employer) MUST follow the legal process to evict a tenant. Paying rent gives you the same rights as a tenant to the eviction court process. For Evictions Landlords cannot lock out tenants; They MUST obtain a court order and ask the SMC Sheriff to carry out the eviction.
- Safe and Healthy Living Conditions: Everyone has the right to a maintained, safe, and livable home. There are specific requirements for farm worker housing like the distance between the housing any animal pens on a farm.
- Retaliation is illegal. The boss or landlord cannot retaliate against you for asserting your rights.

Commissioner Inquiries:

1. Does everyone have tenant rights regardless off status?

In-Person Public Comments:

None.

9. Report Outs

Commissioner’s Report:

Corina Rodriguez Perez, Jorge Sanchez, Judith Guerrero, Rogelio Nabor-Martinez, Nicolas Romero-Gonzalez

Supervisor’s Report: Marisol Escalera Durani

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday January 8th, 2025; **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the Community Room in **the Half Moon Bay Library.**