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David,

Attached is a memo from House Farm Workers! for the Housing Element record.

Regards,

Linda Braunschweiger

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August 30, 2021

TO: City of Camarillo:
David Moe, Assistant Director of Community Development
Joseph R. Vacca, Planning Commission Secretary

FROM: Linda Braunschweiger, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, House Farm
Workers!

RE: Planning Commission Public Hearing August 31, 2021
Comments – Final Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element (HE) Update

House Farm Workers! appreciates your consideration of our comments throughout the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update process and thoughtful responses, as documented in Appendix D of the Final Draft HE. We have two further comments:

- 1. Public Participation:** We understand that it is City policy that all “Notice(s) of Public Hearing” are written in English, with one sentence at the bottom: *“Para asistencia en español, por favor de contactar el Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario y comunicarse con Monique Martinez al 805.388.5360.”* We believe that there are Persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEPs) in Camarillo who are mono-lingual Spanish speakers. Because you receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), likely you have documented the number of LEPs in a Language Access Plan. We suggest translation of the Notice title – the subject of the public hearing – in Spanish, with the sentence about assistance immediately following, instead of at the bottom of the page. Ideally this would be for all public hearing notices and not just for the Housing Element update process.
- 2. Inclusionary Housing:** We applaud the City’s support of an Inclusionary Housing Policy, and note that recent research confirms that statewide, more affordable housing units have been created through inclusionary housing programs than density bonus policies. The most effective programs are requirements for developments at certain thresholds, not “optional to be considered”, and confirmed by ordinance incorporated in the City Municipal Code. When Camarillo considers future revisions to the Inclusionary Housing Policy, we hope that the City focuses on increasing its effectiveness in creating rental and ownership housing opportunities.