



January 24, 2018

Supervisor Lynn Compton, 4th District Supervisor
County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Supervisor Compton:

Over the past ten years, the SCAC has received numerous legitimate complaints from residents regarding inappropriate and unregulated activities at Viva Farms (1091 Viva Way, Nipomo). These concerns have been communicated to you and previous District 4 Supervisors. To date, the County has continually delayed and sidestepped taking any positive action to the issues. It is clearly a bureaucratic boondoggle that defies common sense.

Last Monday the SCAC held a hearing to review actions that were promised in early 2017. We had a full audience of frustrated residents who expressed their feelings on this lingering issue. The County's representative at the meeting was Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Del Rio, a well-intentioned and well-spoken individual. However, he had just been assigned to this issue and was starting from scratch in understanding the full ramifications and extensive history of the problem.

Mr. Del Rio informed the crowd that the County had once again failed to enforce the order to demolish the unpermitted buildings by December 31, 2017 and instead was now providing the owner time to submit applications to permit the buildings. This obviously is another delaying tactic of County officials who refuse to enforce their own orders, and fail to charge fines, fees and appropriate taxes on these unpermitted buildings that are being used for business and a residence.

Mr. Caleb Mott, your legislative assistant, identified 10 questions that the SCAC asked at the meeting. The SCAC is obviously concerned with this issue and would like to hear from and meet with - within the next seven (7) days - County Counsel, Code Enforcement Supervisor Art Trinidad and the Planning Department on their plans to resolve this ongoing issue. We request this timeline because we fear the passage of time and further progress by the applicant on the planning permit application may make it even more difficult to reverse direction."

On behalf of the South County Advisory Council,

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Attachment: Mr. Mott's 10 Questions