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To: Natalie Sares  
c/o Agricultural Advisory Committee

This letter is to respond to the correspondence you recently sent to Supervisor Ray Mueller. First, thank you for contacting Supervisor Mueller and the County regarding your concerns and needs for on-site farmworker housing. As you know Farmworker Housing is an important and timely issue for the County of San Mateo. Supervisor Mueller fully supports this funding program and will be working with the County of San Mateo to refund the forgivable loan program on individual farms.

The County currently is analyzing the results and impact of the previous Farmworkers Home Loan Program. The County is also looking at the goals, implementation, and previous policies for the previous program and if there is a need for changes to the program to make it better and achieve the desired goals.

As you know there are many stakeholders involved in this effort, farmers, workers, citizens, and the County are all involved in the decision making.

We know that you are interested in the timeline for when it might start again. In consideration of all the reasons stated above and getting the best program we can the County will continue public input. The onsite farmworker housing loan program will be considered along with any other potential programs or policies that can be implemented to help facilitate the construction, and operation, of safe healthy, and affordable housing that meets the needs and goals for both farmworkers and farm owners.

The timeline will be for the County to reach out to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Farm Bureau, and other stakeholders personally to get feedback the program.

The County hopes to reach out to the Agricultural Advisory Committee within six months for their thoughts and feedback on potential revisions.

We hope these answers you concern and give you the answers you wanted for the committee.

Thank you for reaching out.

Sincerely,



Mike O'Neill  
Legislative Aide  
Office of Supervisor Ray Mueller  
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