

County of San Luis Obispo Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board



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Advisory Board (ALAB)**

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RE: Farmers' Markets

Dear Chair Mecham and the County Board of Supervisors:

At our February 22, 2010 meeting, we heard a presentation about the recent controversy regarding the certified farmers' market which occurs as part of the Thursday night promotions in downtown San Luis Obispo. The Direct Marketing representative to ALAB, Eric Michielssen, along with Peter Jankey of the San Luis Obispo County Farmers' Market Association, provided the presentation.

Following the presentation, ALAB discussed the need for the County to support the direct marketing efforts of growers at established and successful marketing outlets. ALAB made the following motion:

ALAB strongly supports farmers' markets throughout the County, supports that these markets be operated by the farmers themselves, and further recommends that the Board of Supervisors encourage the City of San Luis Obispo to do likewise.

ALAB appreciates the Board's consideration of this issue. ALAB members look forward to continuing to provide input on this and other agricultural issues.

Sincerely,

Dee Lacey
Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board Chair