

DCC MARCH CLUB REPORTS

San Mateo County Democracy for America

- Wednesday, April 7 - Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm
- Speaker: Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, “Police Reform: Opportunity or Oxymoron”.
- Contact for Zoom link: Ashleigh Evans, asevans2002@aol.com

Farmworker Affairs Committee

- A meeting with North Coast Farmworkers is scheduled with BOS Horsely on March 23, 5pm at ALAS in HMB to listen to issues of concern, what the workers are experiencing, etc.
- BOS awarded ALAS \$10K to provide water to farm workers.
- Resource Conservation District (RCD) water testing on the South Coast to bring it to the North Coast. Brigid will follow-up with Rita Mancera of Puente in Pescadero, to explore using the self-administered kits developed by the RCD on the North Coast.
- Clean water issues on the South Coast in Pescadero. Progress on a new pipeline is being made by the County for the high school and fire station. Victoria and Brigid met with representatives from Congresswoman Speier and Eshoo's office. Also, had a meeting with Rita Mancera of Puente. Shared recent reports and funding ideas on issues there. We will circle back with representatives following up on our last communique with them to see what can be done to help expedite the process, funding for water to residents, etc?
- Visit to a mushroom farm on the North coast – Joaquin and Virginia did a wellness check on the farm due to concerns of Chinese workers who continued to work during the COVID outbreak. The workers didn't want to interact with anyone. They will visit again when dropping off food for the workers to help build the workers' trust and see what is going on?
- Update on Castillo Seed company that hasn't paid workers in eight weeks. Investigation is ongoing. The owner of the company was arrested. The prosecutors are working to build a case that ensures the workers will get paid back wages.
- BOS approved \$20k to help the Castillo hemp seed workers to survive after having worked for eight weeks without pay. Coastside Hope will receive the funds and will continue to help these workers make rent, car payments, food, find new jobs.