

FARMWORKER AFFAIR AUGUST REPORT

**Yesenia Garcia is our new member who is a farmworker at Cabrillo Farms and a student.

- She provided information about the issue on healthcare access - Although workers make low wages some of them are not able to qualify for Medi-cal or ACE. In order to qualify for Medi-cal you need to make \$28k a year.
- We will be writing a letter to the Board of Supervisors about the healthcare issue and that something has to be done immediately.

**Mushroom farm in HMB - inhumane housing and issues with paying their employees.

- Employees have received back pay. Housing is still an issue where farmworkers pay rent and live in dilapidated, no running water, outside bathrooms. Please click on a housing issue [article](#) in San Mateo County, especially the coastside that touches on Federal and State housing standards for farm labor housing and about how enforcement of housing standards are often lenient.

**Frenchman's Creek Nursery cannabis farm - [thieves violently broke in and shot a caretaker](#) but missed him and stole marijuana and supplies. Farmworkers were affected emotionally and are concerned about their safety.

- Belinda Arriaga of ALAS shared concerns from their clients who work at Frenchman Creek and that some of them have quit their jobs because they don't feel safe.

**ALAS met with representatives from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Community fund, an annual fund to support organizations serving communities in need, about ALAS and HMB Farmworker community they serve. ALAS will be applying for a grant.

**Mobile Health Clinic program on the North Coastside continues to be a need. A meeting with the San Mateo County Manager is being set up on the urgent need.

**There's continued food insecurity farmworkers are facing in HMB. ALAS has been providing lunches and dinners.

**Rudy Espinoza is leading the efforts on Phone Banking in Spanish NO on the Recall of Gov. Newsom.

Here's a link to sign up: <https://www.mobilize.us/cadems/event/405402/>

**On Sunday, September 19, ALAS is hosting the first ever Latino parade celebrating National Latino Heritage Month, sponsored by ALAS and the City of HMB. The theme is HONORING OUR FARMWORKERS and are inviting farmworkers from the north coast down to Salinas.

- ALAS is inviting our committee/ SMC DCC FAC to come and walk in the parade along with other groups and performances. So be ready to mark your and if you have any ideas of who to invite as well let them know.