

# Santa Barbara LAFCO

Review of Ag and Open Space Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

Commission Agriculture and Open Space Policies

July 11, 2019

# Background

- At the December 6, 2018 meeting, the Commission appointed three members to serve on the Agricultural and Open Space Policies Ad Hoc Committee. The purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee is to review the Commission's current Agricultural and Open Space Policies and determine if the policies should be revised or amended.
- The members of the Ad Hoc Committee are Commissioners Roger Aceves, Joan Hartmann, and Etta Waterfield. The Ad Hoc Committee met three times, once in January, once in March, and once in June.
- Requests for comments to proposed changes to the policies were sent to the County's Planning agencies, namely the eight Cities and Santa Barbara County, the Independent Special District and the Agricultural and Business Community.

# Comments on Proposed Changes

- Before the May 15, 2019 deadline, comments were received from 15 public agencies, organizations, and individuals. Several comments were received after the deadline. A list of comment letters is attached to the staff report. The comment letters were reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee at the June 6, 2019 meeting. After reviewing the comment letters, the Ad Hoc Committee unanimously agreed to the changes set forth in the following slide, which is Exhibit A in the staff report.

# Ag and Open Space Policies Revisions

# Recommendation

- It is recommended that the Commission Approve the Recommended Revisions to the Agriculture and Open Space Policies from the Agriculture and Open Space Ad Hoc Committee as set forth in **Exhibit A.**