



August 25, 2017

Jacqueline Onciano  
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Monterey County Resource Management Agency  
Planning Department  
1441 Schilling Place  
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SUBJECT: Notice of Intent for PLN170465 (R & Q Mall Properties LLC [Casa Boronda Agricultural Employee Housing project])

Dear Ms. Onciano:

LandWatch is pleased to offer its strong support for the Casa Boronda Agricultural Employee Housing project. This project serves a critical need for clean, safe, convenient, and affordable housing for farmworkers.

In addition to meeting this important human need, the project is consistent with “smart” planning principles that LandWatch advocates:

- The project is “infill” in an area designated for growth in the Monterey County General Plan. As such, it offers residents good public services within short walking and biking distances.
- Housing farmworkers in a central location will facilitate public transportation and reduce traffic. Buses will transport workers to and from their jobs in agricultural fields.
- The new apartments will be much more water efficient, energy efficient, safer, and cleaner than the overcrowded homes and other places where workers currently live.
- The project is being designed and built by the same teams that design and built the highly successfully Tanimura and Antle farmworker housing project that LandWatch supported.

LandWatch is proud to join other housing advocates and the agricultural community in supporting Casa Boronda. We commend Foxy Produce for its leadership and strong commitment to its workers and the community.

Sincerely,

Michael DeLapa  
Executive Director

cc: Tom Nunes, Jr.  
Michael Cling  
Paul Davis