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The County thrives on tourism. Tourism in the County thrives on agriculture. The County envisions supporting agricultural. Yet the County is missing innumerable opportunities to truly support agriculture.

Changing Ag zoned property to Ag Resource zoned property does NOT support Ag. Nor does it increase Ag employment - which is the purported reason behind this down zoning.

What supports Ag, and what increases Ag employment are concrete programs. For instance: Ag easements - which are very different from conservation easements; Allowing Ag to take place without expensive and time consuming conditional use permits; Reading the Ag Activities definition broadly, as was meant by the State when it included the term "including but not limited to"; and getting grant funds to the actual citizens who are physically engaged in Ag instead of such funds going to entities that eat up 1/3 of those funds with administration.

Right now the County's reading of its code requires every Ag operation to get a CUP in order to process and/or sell. That applies to all Ag - from fruits to vegetable, to nuts, to plants, to trees, to animals and meat, to eggs, to dairy, to honey and more. If Ag activities are per SE allowed under the land use chart, why is the County requiring CUPs?

It's really about reading the County Code in favor of Ag!

Let's support Ag in this County!

The Amaros

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