



Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
“OUR MEMBERS: PARTNERS PRODUCING PROSPERITY”

November 16, 2018

(Updated March 22, 2019 to reflect correction in code reference in red)

Mr. Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner
Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
1428 Abbott St.
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Agricultural Commissioner Gonzales,

Earlier this year, it came to our attention that there are two Monterey County ordinances that were originally considered helpful and valuable to agriculture in Monterey County, but that no longer provide such a benefit. These include the Salad Products Inspection Program and the Lettuce Produce Inspection Program. **These are officially listed in the Monterey County, CA Code under Ordinance number 10.16 and we ask that that section be removed and all fees remaining be refunded in accordance with the direction currently in section 10.16.050.**

We have discussed these with our board and members and have heard consistent feedback from both that these ordinances are no longer providing value to the industry and should be removed from the County Code. We ask that the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner's Office assist us in addressing our members' interest by requesting of the County of Monterey officially dissolve both of these sections of the County Code and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office cease all operations of the Lettuce Produce Inspection Program at the conclusion of the 2018 season.

I understand that you will want to convene members of the industry to discuss this request further and welcome that discussion. Please let me know how I can be of help.

Sincerely,

Abby Taylor-Silva
Vice President, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California