

BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The 31st DAA Board of Directors will be holding a board meeting on
Tuesday, October 26th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

31st District Agricultural Association

Leslie Cornejo (President), Leah Lacayo (Vice President),

Mike Bradbury, Cecilia Cuevas, Dan Long, Armando Lopez, Shanté Morgan-Carter,
Bonnie Weigel

STAFF

Barbara Quaid, CEO and Heidi Ortiz, Executive Assistant

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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Ventura County Fairgrounds, 31st District Agricultural Association

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I. Call to Order

Roll Call

Declaration of Recusal or Conflict of Interest

Does any Board member have a conflict of interest that should preclude them from participating in discussions about or voting on any matter on today's agenda?

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introduction of Guests & Staff

Invitation for the public to introduce themselves (not mandatory)

IV. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

In accordance with state law, the Board will not comment or otherwise consider Public Comment matters until and unless such items have been properly noticed for a future meeting.

V. Presentations

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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I. Call to Order

Roll Call

Declaration of Recusal or Conflict of Interest

The meeting convened at 9:03 a.m. and called to order by President Cornejo.

Directors present: President, Leslie Cornejo, Vice President, Leah Lacayo, Michael Bradbury, M. Cecilia Cuevas, Daniel Long, Armando Lopez, Shanté Morgan-Carter and Bonnie Weigel.

Staff present: Barbara Quaid, CEO, James Lockwood, Publicity and Marketing Manager, Jason Amelio, Sales Manager/Assistant Satellite Supervisor, Cristian Yepez, Accounting Dept. and Heidi Ortiz, Executive Assistant.

Guests Present: Sarah Pelle, Fairs & Expositions; Haig Baghdassarian, Deputy Secretary and Chief Counsel, CDFA; Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, Robert O'Riley, Alex Flores, Megan Hook, Scott Toland, Karen Peters, Kathie Moore, Sharon Ferro, Amber McCalister, Angel Garcia, Beth Mansfield, Candy Lingl, Carla Alvara, Carol Johnson, Cecilia Deskins Hanks, Kerrie Allen, Chris Dryden, Danielle De Van, Diane Cook, Tiffany Cook, Edy Santangelo, Illene Buckley Weber, Jaritza Nunez, Jeannette Sanchez, Jen McGuire, Julie Salomonson, Karson Chavez, Joe Stayton, Katie Lynch, Kinsie Flame, Leydin Bowman, Louis Cunningham, Michele Vivirito, Pat Ehret, Rob Enos, Michael Anger, Sheree Ryan, Sue Poland, Katie

Lynch, Robin Tan, Steve Lindley, Rose Ann Sharp, Theresa Pellerino, Emelly Ortega, Travis Ueltschi, Tiffany Cook, Justin Peters, Dawn Colliname, Heather Waters, Tom Kiskin, Joe Long, Cathy Swanson, Kiki Lyon, Tyler Cobb, Vianey Lopez, Maureen Lamb Cottingham, Fred Van Wingerden, Thomas Taylor, Carol Lindberg, Christina Bingham, Deborah Aguilar, Dearl Giles, Charlotte Peters, Shirley NLN, Sue NLN, Indivisible Ventura and Michael Anger.

President Cornejo explained that the chat box function will be turned off in the interest of giving equal access to everyone. This was done in consultation with the legal department. There were no conflicts of interest with any of the Board members that were present.

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Vice President Lacayo led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Megan Hook – Expressed her concern for lack of transparency and communication by the board and requested that it gets fixed so the community doesn't have to come to their own conclusions. She asked that the board not only allow public comments but listen to them as well.

Kinsie Flame – Explained she sits on many boards and last week's meeting was very disheartening because people were discouraged and felt like they weren't being heard. She stated many people love the fair and asked that the board show more compassion, respect and grace for the community members that are expressing their feelings.

V. Presentations - None

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. August 24th, 2021 Board Meeting

MOTION: To approve the August 24th, 2021 Board Meeting minutes.

Board Member Name	Approved (Yes Vote)	Not Approved (No Vote)	Abstain
Director Bradbury (Second)	X		
Director Cuevas	X		
Director Long (Motion)	X		
Director Lopez	X		

Director Morgan-Carter			X
Director Weigel	X		
Vice President Lacayo	X		
President Cornejo	X		

Director Cuevas voted yes but stated that much of the details of the comments made by speakers is being left out and asked that comments being made in the meeting be fully noted in the minutes.

Director Morgan-Carter abstained from the vote due to the fact she was absent.

VII. Financial Report

A. Financials ending August 31st, 2021

Mr. Yopez gave a report on the financials ending August 31st, 2021.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action regarding the Gun Shows

President Cornejo stated that at the last board meeting the Executive Committee was asked to look into the board's policy related to gun shows. The CEO, Vice President Lacayo and herself had a conference call with the legal department to get clarity and it was advised to maintain status quo over what the board voted on in 2019. If the board does not follow its policy, then they will be in legal jeopardy. The policy would need to be changed in order to deny a contract for a gun show, but there needs to be a legal basis to do so. She reminded everyone of the lawsuit in Del Mar and briefly discussed the recent legislation and what happened with SB 264.

Director Long asked if there was any information about ghost guns and CEO Quaid explained that there is nothing in the law that prohibits ghost guns. She explained that the weapon itself is nothing until it gets all components inside of it. Once it gets all the components it becomes a ghost gun and she believes that is what legislation is working on eliminating. However, at the present time there is nothing that prohibits ghost guns.

Sarah Pelle explained that this has come up at other fairs and ghost guns is not a legal term which makes it hard to add it into the contract. As CEO Quaid stated, individual components are legal items it's the compiling of them. So as of right now with current legislation legally there is no way to impose that in the contract.

Director Bradbury stated that ghost guns are firearms that are comprised of unidentifiable pieces/parts and law enforcement can't identify them. He wanted to know why the board couldn't contractually preclude them from being at the show.

President Cornejo stated that, based on what Sarah Pelle advised, it is not a legal term so it cannot be banned in a contract.

Director Bradbury stated that you don't have to use the specific term "ghost guns," the general product and how it is put together can be used.

Public comments commenced.

Beth Mansfield – Explained exactly what ghost guns are and expressed her concerns about them. She suggested that the term could be replaced by unserialized components or do-it-yourself kits. She asked the board to vote to ban unserialized guns and kits, ghost guns or all of the above. She also expressed her concerns about the policies put in place after the Ad Hoc Committee regarding cabling and how the promoter did not follow the rules at the last gun show.

Supervisor Carmen Ramirez – Recognized the board's volunteer service and thanked the current and past members who oppose gun shows in the past. She expressed her opposition to the gun shows and explained why and asked the board to be bold and say no to gun shows.

Michele Vivirito – Expressed her opposition to the gun shows and gave reasons why. She urged the board to end the gun shows.

Kathy Long – Stated her appreciation for the board's hard work and love of the fairgrounds and understands that they are responsible for the bottom line but explained and gave reasons why the board didn't need to approve the contract for the gun show.

Karen Peters – Explained why the board should not have gun shows on state property. Asked that if the majority of the board is inclined to keep profiting from the gun shows to at least not allow the sale of ghost guns, kits, etc.

Steve Lindley – Briefly explained his background in law enforcement and spoke about the ghost gun issue. He showed a sample of a ghost gun kit and stated how easy it was to put together. He urged the board to at least require that no ghost guns or unserialized kits be sold at the Ventura County gun show.

Robert O'Riley – He explained on May 7th of this year a boy was arrested and sited for bringing a handgun into his Thousand Oaks school. He continued by stating facts about accidental shootings by children and explained that we need to put an end to this horrific, national epidemic. He urged the board to discontinue gun shows at the fairgrounds.

Pat Ehret – Applauded all speakers and urged the board to not sell guns and ammunition on state property.

Indivisible Ventura – Spoke on the concept that people say gun shows are family friendly events but explained that is a falsehood and gave reasons why. She stated that it isn't the inert weapons of violence, but the side aisles where vendors sell the fear and anger to animate the weapons and gave examples.

Theresa Pellerino – Explained that her family is made up of hunters and doesn't agree that all guns are bad and shouldn't be portrayed in a negative light. Explained that the laws in place need to be enforced to keep bad people from getting guns. She clarified that she is not for ghost guns, kits, etc. but reiterated that all people with guns are not bad.

Public comments were closed.

Director Bradbury commented that he dealt with gun violence for 33 years as a prosecutor and it is extremely rare that a firearm from a gun show is used in a crime. He made a motion subject to two conditions: one being that there be no ghost guns or kit type guns sold or on the premises and two, that fair management hire an inspector to ensure compliance by those selling firearms or firearm parts at the gun show; that they be under the direction of fair management not the contractor.

There was discussion regarding clarifying ghost guns because that is not a legal term. Director Long stated that he would second the motion with refining ghost guns and making it a legal description. Further discussion on this matter ensued.

Director Morgan-Carter asked if the promoter complied with some of the requirements at the last gun show, which were to have safety chords and education, that were approved in 2019 to be added to the contract.

CEO Quaid stated she did not attend that gun show, but asked Mr. Amelio to give a report. When she spoke to Director Morgan-Carter a few days ago she discussed giving the promoter more direction as to what they want for an educational process; not only pamphlets being handed out, but actual booths that will register people for gun safety classes etc.

Mr. Amelio explained that what they had at the last show was more in line with the flyer and pamphlet education; people did have the ability to sign up for gun safety and concealed weapons license. There were additional materials on self-defense, education, training, legal protection for responsible gun owners and gun knowledge and safety courses.

Director Cuevas stated her request was made as a condition of approval for the contract that all weapons be cabled and not just to the table itself but to something concrete or stable. She explained that there were pictures presented by a member of the public after the last show that reflected cabling not being done on all weapons. She also stated that education wasn't supposed to be a volunteer sign up but an actual pro-active outreach on the provision of gun safety with any purchase or sale. She asked for clarification on if this vote was only for the last show of the existing contract or if the contract extends into another year beyond the October date.

CEO Quaid stated it is only for the one date in October. They usually have a date in December, but they have not asked for that date. There has not been conversation about 2022 yet and as a reminder the board needs to follow their own policy until it is changed.

Director Cuevas stated that there were several changes to the policy at that last meeting but wasn't sure how much teeth they had with respect to future shows. It was her understanding that if the promoter didn't comply with the new conditions that the future shows on the contract would not be allowed. There was supposed to be a status report post show to find out whether or not there was compliance and all there is at this point

are the comments Mr. Amelio made with respect to cabling and testimony from the public. It was her understating that if they did not comply the board was not held to honoring their contracted number of shows. She stated that if Director Bradbury's motion is the strictest way we can apply the inclusion of all the unserialized and do-it-yourself kits specifically to fulfill the contract for the last show then she is willing to vote in favor of it noting that she has very strong feelings against using the state public property for these types of shows. In order to avoid a legal battle with the company she encourages the board to approve Director Bradbury's motion, fulfill the contract and not move forward with any other shows in the future ever.

Director Lopez commented that it doesn't make sense to him to be told that he doesn't have a choice but to vote in favor of the gun shows because many reasons. If it is on the agenda, he feels he can vote yes or no. He agrees with those that feel there is no room for gun shows in a public facility. He attends to push for an amendment to the policy. He wanted to push to amend the policy to not allow gun shows on the fairgrounds.

Sarah Pelle explained that should be a separate motion.

President Cornejo asked Director Bradbury to clarify the designated person who is to ensure compliance at the show.

Director Bradbury stated it should be someone hired by Fair management who is knowledgeable and competent and will make sure the promoter is complying with all conditions and file a report after the shows. This would give the board an idea of whether or not to move forward.

Director Morgan-Carter stated that in 2019 after the hearings, even though she voted against continuing with the contract, the board was trying to cooperate and avoid any legal lawsuits. However, it seems to her that Crossroads of the West has not done their due diligence in complying and for the record in concept she is not in support of continuing contracts; they have not done what they have been asked to do.

Director Cuevas clarified that this motion only applies to the October gun show which President Cornejo confirmed.

President Cornejo stated that it is her understanding that staff intends to bring any show to the board on an individual basis for discussion and approval.

Director Lopez stated that he offered an additional amendment that this be referred to the Executive Committee and then to the board for a policy review and decision.

MOTION: To approve holding the October gun show with two conditions, that no unserialized components or do-it-yourself kits be sold on the premises and that Fair management hire an inspector to ensure compliance and report back.

Board Member Name	Approved (Yes Vote)	Not Approved (No Vote)	Abstain
Director Bradbury (Motion)	X		
Director Cuevas		X	
Director Long (Second)	X		
Director Lopez		X	
Director Morgan-Carter		X	
Director Weigel	X		
Vice President Lacayo	X		
President Cornejo	X		

Director Cuevas asked for an additional motion to place gun show policy on the agenda for the next board meeting.

MOTION: To move to place on the next board meeting agenda the consideration of changing the board's policy as it relates to future gun shows on these fairgrounds.

Board Member Name	Approved (Yes Vote)	Not Approved (No Vote)	Abstain
Director Bradbury	X		
Director Cuevas (Motion)	X		
Director Long	X		
Director Lopez (Second)	X		
Director Morgan-Carter	X		
Director Weigel	X		
Vice President Lacayo	X		
President Cornejo	X		

IX. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee Meeting September 23rd, 2021 – Leslie Cornejo, Chair

1. Discussion and possible action on the 2022 Fair dates.

CEO Quaid is asking the board to consider a policy change to the dates of the Fair; take out twelve days and July/August and have it read “to put on a successful Fair with no dates or months.” She is researching other Fairs and the southern California route has not been decided yet. The board has told people and reassured them that there will be a Fair in 2022. At this point, the policy needs to be changed and then CEO Quaid can come back with the Fair dates.

Public Comments opened.

Kinsie Flame – Explained her involvement in livestock and expressed her feelings and opposition about moving the Fair dates and gave reasons for keeping the Fair in the summer months.

Sheree Ryan – Stated that she was a former 4H leader and buyer and questioned why the dates would even be changed. She explained that it would be important to have the Fair when school is not in session and to have a decision about the dates made quickly so everyone can plan.

Director Bradbury asked if CEO Quaid would give some reasons for her request.

CEO Quaid stated there is a route in southern California and due to COVID many fairs are making changes. She explained that if she is going to make a change to the dates it will only be within a couple of weeks of the traditional dates. She is looking to be able to accommodate every department.

Director Cuevas stated that the bulk of correspondence references a problem with the dates being in September due to school starting and asked for CEO Quaid to keep that in mind.

Megan Hook – Commented that there are many conflicting statements about the dates and explained that the problem is that any movement of the dates will negatively affect local schools and the livestock department and gave reasons why. She asked for transparency and for the board to take into consideration what the community wants from their local county fair.

Kiki Lyon – Explained that she is an advocate for the Junior Livestock Auction and supports what the prior speakers said. Commented on her past and current involvement with the Fair and stated she would be disappointed if Fair was moved one way or the other because of the logistics for the children and auction.

Theresa Pellerino - Explained that she is a local breeder, and it is too late to change the Fair dates because animals have already been bred and it is a huge investment. Expressed that she feels like decision has already been made and the public is in the dark or not privy to that information.

Cathy Swanson – Commented that she is very concerned about the Fair being moved and explained all the reasons why and how it would negatively impact the kids. When she sat in on the Executive Meeting there were things said that led people to believe the Fair would be later than September.

Carla Alvara – Explained her involvement in livestock and agrees with everything that has been said and added her thoughts on how changing the Fair dynamics and dates would negatively impact the kids. Hopes the board listens to the public comments and keep the Fair dates the same.

Kathie Moore – Reiterated and agreed with everyone about what they said about the breeding, the kids and school. She is opposed to the Fair dates being changed and gave her reasons why.

Sue NLN – Commented that it seemed like more attention was being spent on other departments and not the kids and expressed how important the kids are to the community. She asked for the same amount of consideration be put into the kids as anyone else at the Fair.

Rob Enos – He echoed and ditto the words of Theresa Pellerino and Megan Hook. He asked the board to vote against the date change and explained the negative effects if the dates were moved out of July and August.

Charlotte Peters – Explained what the main concern would be, from a livestock standpoint, if the dates were changed and the negative effects it would cause from a student's point of view. Stated it is too late to change the dates and asked that they remain the same.

Joe Long – Briefly explained some history he has with the Fair. Stated that the best weather is in August, and it would be the wrong thing to move the dates.

Leydin Bowman – Explained she's been the Small Livestock Superintendent for the past couple years and echoed the other speaker's comments about the difficulty of having Fair during school. She explained other negative effects and changes that would have to happen if the dates were moved and was opposed to it.

Christina Bingham – Briefly explained her history with the Fair and how changing the dates would negatively affect the kids and different organizations that support the county fair. She wanted the board to hear the unanimous worry and take everyone's comments into consideration and not change the dates.

Michael Anger – Commented that most everyone shares similar viewpoints but explained that by not planning is failing to plan. Stated that part of the public's frustration with the board is that they don't understand why they are even in this situation and asked the board to leave it alone. He also commented on the negative effects this would have on the kids and community.

Robin Tan - Explained her involvement with livestock at the Fair and how she is a project leader. Stated many families already started enrollment with their projects, but there would be negative impact on the kids if the dates were changed because of school. She explained no one would participate and attendance numbers would be down. She asked the board to vote no on changing the fair dates.

Emelly Ortega - Explained that she is an exhibitor and moving the Fair dates would negatively affect all ag kids and gave reasons why. She asked the board not to change the dates.

Alex Flores – Stated who he was and his involvement with the livestock department. He commented that when the Fair cancelled last year, they decided to host their own live show and explained some of the details. The biggest request is to get back to the Fair and get things going with the kids and community so their needs to be a date set.

Scott Toland – Stated that many people spoke today and will continue to let the board know the momentum is growing. Explained that it was a bad choice to have the zoom subscription limit of 100 participants as well as not include his correspondence to the board. Expressed his opinions on the inconsistencies in communication with the board and staff. Asked the board to just decide and announce the dates.

CEO Quaid addressed Mr. Toland's comment about his correspondence not being put in the board packet.

Heather Waters – Explained that her daughters are involved in livestock and asked that the board nails down a date for the Fair so they can move forward. She expressed her feelings and stated the negative effects there would be if the Fair is during school. She asked the board to continue having the Ventura County Fair during the summer.

Dawn Colliname – Reinforced what everyone else has said already and added that the board will take away the seniors last potential Fair year. She expressed her feelings and stated that the board needs to stick with the traditional Fair dates and make a decision now.

Cecilia Deskins Hanks – Explained her involvement in the junior livestock industry and stated that she feels the board is undermining the junior livestock kids by moving the dates that would conflict with school. She stated what the negative impact would be and feels like the board is not very invested with the kids.

Shelby NLN – Reminded everyone that this is the 31st Agricultural District and without the livestock it doesn't exist. Stated there is not one person in favor of moving the date. Explained that she is friends with some vendors, and they have kids and wouldn't be able to come because of school. Asked the board to leave the date in the summer and not change it.

Justin Peters – He stated that the last speaker had a good point about undermining the junior livestock and the erosion of the junior livestock to a point where it won't happen. He commented that it usually comes down to money and expressed his thoughts on that. He explained that the kids are the next generation, so we need to keep it going and continue having the Fair in August.

Travis Ueltschi – Explained that everyone was looking for Fair dates to be announced at the meeting today. He asked the board if they can just decide on the dates, out of respect for the public, so they can tell the kids.

Public comments were closed at this time.

Director Bradbury asked CEO Quaid to address what some of the issues would be if the board stayed with the traditional dates.

CEO Quaid stated that she is asking the board to change the policy today. She is still working with four other Fairs on the dates; it doesn't mean that there will be a date change. The reason for the policy change would be to have the flexibility in case there ever needs to be a date change. All the Fairs are working together to make sure we can get the best of everything we bring to the Fair; all departments are equally important. She does not have definite dates to give yet.

President Cornejo addressed the rumors about the dates being discussed behind closed doors and assured everyone that there have not been any discussions on dates with any board members. Staff asked for flexibility so they can work out the best dates and in good corporate governance is asking that the board give them the flexibility by changing policy.

Vice President Lacayo reiterated what President Cornejo stated. This came out of the Executive Committee at the request of the CEO that she is given the flexibility because right now the board is locked into the number of days and specific months, and she feels that does the board a disservice. The board is trying to be mindful of the livestock community and trying to take everything into consideration. Made a motion to allow CEO Quaid, at her discretion, to change the policy to have an annual Fair with no specifics.

Director Bradbury wanted to make a motion as well to put this matter over to next month's meeting. It sounds like the dramatic impact on the people that depend on the Fair in the livestock area is so substantial that it should be taken into consideration. If it becomes necessary to bring to the board a new date that is fine, but he asks to put this over to the next meeting at this point.

President Cornejo stated there is a motion on the floor but it died for a lack of a second.

Shanté Morgan-Carter – Clarified with CEO Quaid that October is normally when the board votes on the Fair dates and CEO Quaid confirmed that. She explained that the public does need a deadline and as part of the discussion wanted to give them a time certain of when the board will make a decision so the public can move forward.

CEO Quaid stated that there will be a decision at the October Board Meeting unless they schedule a special meeting for the dates.

Director Lopez added his voice to President Cornejo and Vice President Lacayo's about never hearing or discussing dates with anyone and wants to dispel that rumor. He emphasized that CEO Quaid planning an annual Fair is a monumental task, not to minimize the importance of the children being able to breed, raise their animals and everything involved in that, but she has to make sure every component is in place and what it takes to make it happen. He asked CEO Quaid if she would be okay postponing

this to October, which she ensured it would. With that he asked Vice President Lacayo to withdraw her motion and look at Director Bradbury's motion instead.

President Cornejo reminded the board that the Executive Committee was asked by CEO Quaid for the ability to give flexibility with a policy change.

Director Weigel clarified that after hearing her fellow director's comments today about the Fair remaining in July and August that there does not need to be a policy change. Reading the Executive Committee minutes could make one think that the Fair would be taken out of those months. As the meeting has progressed today, comments by both the directors and the public, asked what could be done right now to have a better understanding and not a lack of confidence and mistrust.

Director Lopez stated that in keeping with what Director Weigel said he thinks Director Bradbury's idea is appropriate. If CEO Quaid is okay waiting until October and that is what is traditionally done, then the board can wait until then and see what CEO Quaid has to say in the interim.

There was a motion on the floor made by Vice President Lacayo, but with a lack of a second the motion died. Director Bradbury restated his motion; to approve postponing the recommendation of the policy change regarding Fair dates until the October Board Meeting.

Sarah Pelle clarified that if the board does not approve a policy change now then in October when the board normally has Fair dates, if it falls outside of the policy, then it would have to be postponed again until November. If the policy is going to change then it needs to be done before the Fair dates.

Director Morgan-Carter asked if necessary, CEO Quaid would be able to call an emergency meeting that would give the board time to properly post it if for some reason it is needed.

Sarah Pelle stated that it wouldn't constitute as an emergency, but the board can have as many meetings as they wanted it would just require the ten days' notice.

It was clarified that policy was not being changed so there was no need for a motion. The board is simply requesting the status quo of policy and at the October Board Meeting the directors would be discussing Fair dates within current policy.

President Cornejo concluded that the motion failed for a lack of a second and policy remains in place. The board will wait for staff to bring the Fair dates in October.

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A. Agreements

1. Rental Agreements – Interim

Director Weigel questioned approving the Surfer's Pint contract because not all the information is there and it only says TBD.

CEO Quaid explained that the promoter needed a contract before going to the architect. Once the architect comes back with the drawings they will go to the board for approval. She explained that the board is acknowledging that he has a contract number and what he wants to do (the amount he will be paying the fairgrounds will be 8%). She reminded the board that they discussed this a few months ago.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda with items A, 1.

Board Member Name	Approved (Yes Vote)	Not Approved (No Vote)	Abstain
Director Bradbury (Motion)	X		
Director Cuevas		X	
Director Long	X		
Director Lopez	X		
Director Morgan-Carter	X		
Director Weigel		X	
Vice President Lacayo (Second)	X		
President Cornejo	X		

Director Cuevas clarified that she voted no for lack of information.

XII. CEO Report

- Mr. Giammanco is working on the Halloween event that runs from September 30th through October 31st. She encouraged the board to come down and see it.
- Last Saturday there was a concert, Grupo Firme, with about 10,000 people in attendance and was held in the carnival lot. It was a good event and she thanked David Valdivia for being such a good partner and bringing the fairgrounds these events.
- She spoke to Senator Monique Limon about the gun shows and she will be pursuing the bill again next year.
- In her conversation with Orange County regarding Fair dates, she spoke to one of their vice presidents to see what they are doing with gun shows at the current time and seeing if there is any information that could be helpful.

XIII. President's Comments

- Expressed her gratitude to staff, fellow board members and to the public for plotting through all these issues. She assured everyone that the board is being as transparent as

the law allows and explained it is hard with the open meeting laws, which can be very frustrating. The public is welcome to speak to the board at any time and communicate with staff for additional information. Voices are being heard and thanked everyone through the process. She thanked the special guidance that the board gets from Sacramento, including Sarah Pelle, because some of it is relatively new and everyone just wants to make sure that the board is taking care of everyone's rights and that the board is being good stewards of the fairgrounds.

XIV. Director's Comments

Director Weigel

- Thanked the board for taking the time to listen to all the agricultural livestock community members. She thinks that the fact that the motion/recommendation did not pass will help build trust and confidence that we were able to answer in a way that follows the guidelines and also show that the board is trying to come together as a community and that the board does care about their stakeholders.

Director Morgan-Carter

- Thanked the community for showing up because she loves to get their input and feels it is important because we work together and that is how the fair is made successful.

Vice President Lacayo

- Thanked the public for being present and reassured them that the board is hearing and listening.

Director Long

- Appreciates all the staff time that has been put in during COVID. Also, thanked Sarah Pelle for being present and popping in when needed.
- The board does value all the comments. There may be some communication that isn't as prevalent as some would like, but everyone is doing the best that they can. He feels it is unfortunate that there are just a few people that are really trying to make unsubstantiated rumors. Everybody on the board loves all of the community, the livestock community as well. It is a little frustrating for everyone and all of us try very hard to have faith in the CEO to do the right thing and has been doing for many years.
- He supports all that the board is doing and appreciates all the board members being a part of the board of directors.

Director Cuevas

- Expressed her gratitude to all the public who attended today and took time out of their busy schedules. It has been commented about the scheduling of the fair board meetings and the difficulty for the public to attend due to the fact it is on a weekday in the morning, so she appreciates people attending. She suggested possibly looking at this in the future and polling the community to see if a different time would be better to continue to get community input.
- Thanked CEO Quaid. In the past she has been very vocal on criticizing or complaining or seeming aggressive with CEO Quaid in the demands of the board, in their workplan, setting schedules and timelines and explained that she has really stepped up to show that not only is she looking out for the Fair by impacting her own personal pay, benefits,

schedule and such to remain at the fairgrounds as the interim CEO during this very difficult time of COVID and it actually helps the fairgrounds in a surplus situation which was a difficult task because there was very limited staff. She really wanted to applaud CEO Quaid for that work and for her teams work in pulling everything together in the most perilous of times. She stated that coming from her it probably speaks to the trust that she has gained in CEO Quaid's work as well as a collective board in making sure that they are sustainable and viable going into the future.

- Thanked her fellow board members for their bravery and their analysis and consideration of the gun show issue. She hopes that the board continues to look to the future to make the fairgrounds a safe place to be and a place of community support and love.

Director Lopez

- Added his voice to all of those compliments that have been paid to staff and to the public.
- He also complimented CEO Quaid and thanked her because it wasn't long ago that everyone that the fairgrounds might go bankrupt and become a past Fair.
- He thanked President Cornejo for taking the board through his process because it has been a long meeting and feels she did a good job.

Director Bradbury

- He added onto what Director Weigel commented by saying that no one can deny that the board and management have come under substantial criticism as of late, whether it be statements at the meeting, letters, phone calls to individual directors and now even on Facebook. He stated that his remarks should not be interpreted as criticism of leadership or management because he thinks CEO Quaid is doing a great job under these circumstances, especially with the COVID atmosphere in the last couple of years that has made everything extremely difficult. He believes this is not something that should be ignored, and it is not a comment on the validity of the criticisms, but the fact that they exist. He stated that it is important to address what is becoming an obvious lack of credibility the board has with the public and especially the public that deals with the Fair. There has been a lot of talk about a training session and thinks it is time to stop talking about it and make it happen. The training should focus in on public relationships. He feels things can be done better and feels things were exacerbated by the pandemic, but the issue is much larger. Feels the board really needs to move forward with it. Explained that the board has to deal with issues of credibility with the public as soon as possible.
- He would like to take steps to increase the zoom population because there are more people that would like to join in.
- Hopes everyone has a great month and will see everyone again in October.

CEO Quaid welcomed and thanked Deputy Secretary and Chief Counsel for the State of California with the Department of Food & Ag., Haig Baghdassarian.

Haig Baghdassarian appreciated the welcome and apologized for not joining until later in the meeting. Stated he was happy to see so many people in the community engaged. Appreciates all the interest and the board seems like they are doing the most to address

the concerns. There have been a lot of challenges over the past two years for everyone on so many levels and he is confident that this community and DAA will see its way through.

President Cornejo reiterated how grateful the board is to have the support and advice of counsel from CDFA. It has been extraordinary and she does not know how the board would have gotten through all of the complex and legal issues without that support. They are always willing to help make sure the board is looking after, not only the District which is in the board's charge, but the community as well. She thanked Mr. Baghdassarian for being here today. She also wanted to close the meeting in memory of Ari Larson, a councilwoman in Fillmore, who passed away suddenly but was a wonderful woman and inspiration to all.

XV. Future Agenda Items

XVI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Ari Larson at 12:28 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Heidi Ortiz, Executive Secretary

Approved by: _____
Barbara Quaid, CEO Ventura Fairgrounds

Approved by: _____
Leslie Cornejo, Board President

Ventura County Fair - 31st District Agricultural Association
Financial Dashboard for the Period Ending September 30, 2021

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Current Assets	
Operating Cash	\$ 1,134,486
Maximizer Savings	554,627
LAIF Balance	39,288
Other current assets	1,218,049
Total current assets	\$ 2,946,450
Long-term Assets	
Land	\$ 282,915
Construction in Progress	-
Buildings (Net of Depr)	4,395,095
Equipment (Net of Depr)	-
Total long-term assets	\$ 4,678,010
Total assets:	\$ 7,624,460
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 122,311
Other current liabilities	427,004
Total current liabilities	\$ 549,315
Long-term liabilities	
Notes payable	\$ 1,015,052
Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,429,480
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 5,444,532
Capital Resources	
Unrestricted resources	\$ (814,177)
State allocation	-
Invest in Capital Assets	\$ 1,188,023
Project Reimbursements	\$ -
Auction reserve	480,740
Net Income (Surplus/Deficit)	776,027
Total capital resources	\$ 1,630,613
Total liabilities and capital resources:	\$ 7,624,460

Total Cash Balance

Beginning Cash Balance	1,640,736.23
Ending Cash Balance	1,750,710.65
Net Intake:	\$ 109,974.42

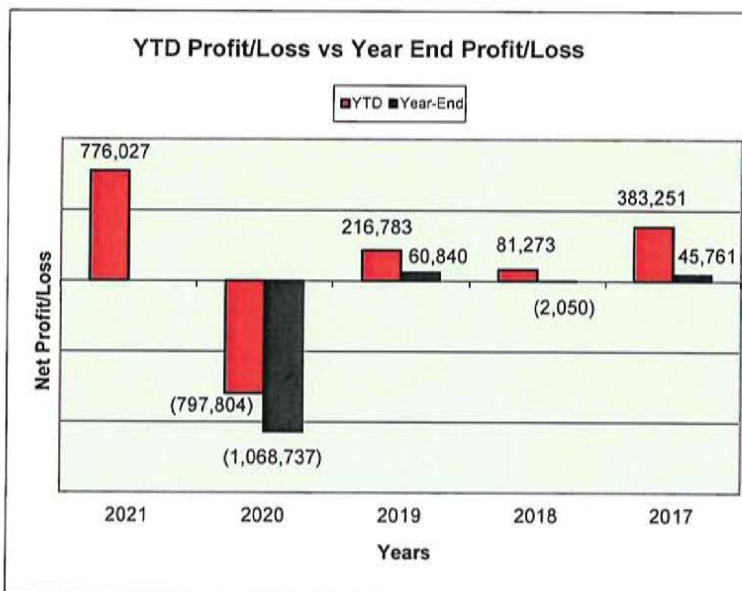
Accounts Receivable

General	\$ -
Fairtime	-
Auction	-
Total receivables:	\$ -

Legal Actions

Consolidated Income Statement

	September	2021 YTD	2020 YTD
Revenues	\$ 213,964	\$ 1,750,948	\$ 1,055,747
Expenses	144,320	974,921	1,853,551
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 69,644	\$ 776,027	\$ (797,804)



Profit/Cost Centers

	September	2021 YTD	2020 YTD
Fair	\$ (391)	\$ 109	\$ (92,600)
Facility Rentals	\$ 143,459	\$ 856,045	\$ 235,036
Horse Racing	\$ 28,740	\$ 539,869	\$ 167,374
Overhead	\$ (102,143)	\$ (616,675)	\$ (1,101,794)
Auction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,344)

Budget Compliance 2021

	YTD	BUDGET	% MET
Fair	\$ 109	\$ -	0.000
Facility Rentals	\$ 856,045	\$ 808,701	1.059
Horse Racing	\$ 539,869	\$ 746,227	0.723
Overhead	\$ (616,675)	\$ (974,561)	0.633
Auction	\$ -	\$ -	0.000

Capital Projects 2021

	3rd Quarter	BUDGET	% MET
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VENTURA COUNTY FAIR (31st DAA)			
BALANCE SHEET			
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021			
ASSETS			
Current Assets	2021	2020	
Cash			
Petty Cash	200	200	
Change Funds	14,100	14,100	
Cash - Operating	1,134,486	329,157	
Cash - Lottery	4,665	4,665	
Cash - Premiums	0	0	
Cash - Payroll	315	168	
Cash - Savings	554,627	1,169	
Cash - LAIF	39,288	39,068	
Cash - Auction	3,030	113,600	
Total Cash	1,750,711	502,127	
Other Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable	29,444	29,444	
Allowance For Doubtful Accounts	(29,444)	(15,797)	
Inventory	2,381	2,381	
Prepays-Deferred Expenses	1,193,358	1,193,358	
Deferred Compensated Absences	0	0	
Total Other Current Assets	1,195,739	1,209,385	
Total Current Assets	2,946,449	1,711,512	
Capital Assets			
Construction In Progress	0	0	
Land	282,915	282,915	
Buildings	17,328,416	17,328,416	
Accumulated Depreciation (Buildings)	(12,933,321)	(12,503,032)	
Equipment	828,879	828,879	
Accumulated Depreciation (Equipment)	(828,879)	(828,879)	
Total Capital Assets	4,678,010	5,108,300	
TOTAL ASSETS	7,624,460	6,819,812	
LIABILITIES & CAPITAL RESOURCES			
Liabilities			
Payroll Liabilities	0	0	
Clearing Accounts	(49,515)	25,452	
Accounts Payable	122,311	842,063	
Workers' Compensation	0	0	
Payroll Withholdings	116,314	101,062	
Horse Show Fees Payable	0	0	
Deferred Revenue	227,331	189,236	
Guaranteed Deposits	82,694	84,147	
Compensated Absences Liability	50,180	190,165	
Net Pension Liability	4,429,480	4,429,480	
Notes Payable	1,015,052	1,015,052	
Total Liabilities	5,993,847	6,876,657	
Capital Resources			
Unrestricted Resources	(814,177)	(724,066)	
State Allocation	0	0	
Investment in Capital Assets	1,188,023	962,461	
Auction Reserve	480,740	502,563	
Project Reimbursements, Net	0	0	
Net Income Surplus/(Deficit)	776,027	(797,804)	
Total Capital Resources	1,630,612	(56,846)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL RESOURCES	7,624,460	6,819,812	

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR (31ST DAA)						
CONSOLIDATED CASH REPORT						
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021						
ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BALANCE PER G/L	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	CURRENT TRANSFERS	ADJUST- MENTS	ENDING BALANCE PER G/L
			<u>OPERATING ACCOUNTS</u>			
PETTY CASH	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
CHANGE FUNDS	14,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,100.00
GENERAL CHECKING	297,908.75	106,582.14	7,317.21	0.00	(129.09)	397,044.59
MISSION BANK OPERATING	726,718.10	113,433.56	65,109.96	(37,600.00)	(0.25)	737,441.45
LOTTERY	4,664.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,664.57
PAYROLL CHECKING	41.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.55
MISSION BANK PAYROLL	202.36	0.00	37,507.97	37,600.00	(21.36)	273.03
AUCTION CHECKING	3,030.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,030.36
PREMIUMS CHECKING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING	1,046,865.69	220,015.70	109,935.14	0.00	-150.70	1,156,795.55
			<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</u>			
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MISSION BANK SAVINGS	553,143.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.55	553,198.19
UNRESTRICTED	1,439.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	(9.99)	1,429.12
TOTAL SAVINGS	554,582.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.56	554,627.31
			<u>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</u>			
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	39,287.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,287.79
TOTAL LAIF	39,287.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,287.79
	1,640,736.23	220,015.70	109,935.14	0.00	-106.14	1,750,710.65

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR (31ST DAA)
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CASH REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

OPERATING ACCOUNT			
	Credit Card Fees	(121.14)	
	UMS Celero Fees	(7.95)	
MISSION- OPERATING ACCOUNT			(129.09)
	Deposit Shortage	(0.25)	
			(0.25)
PREMIUMS ACCOUNT			
			0.00
PAYROLL ACCOUNT			
			0.00
MISSION- PAYROLL ACCOUNT			
	Banking Fees	(21.36)	
			(21.36)
AUCTION ACCOUNT			
			0.00
LOTTERY ACCOUNT			
	Electronic Withdrawals	0.00	
			0.00
PETTY CASH			
			0.00
CHANGE FUND			
			0.00
SAVINGS ACCOUNT			
	Maintenance Fee	(10.00)	
	Interest Earned	0.01	(9.99)
LAIF ACCOUNT			
	LAIF 2nd Quarter Interest Earned		0.00
MISSION BANK SAVINGS			
	Interest Earned	54.55	
			54.55
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS			(106.14)

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR, 31ST DAA
CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Current Month	Current YTD 9/30/21	Budget 2021	Balance of Budget	% Used 2020	Prior YTD 9/30/20
OPERATING REVENUES:						
Admissions	10,000	10,000	60,000	50,000	17%	10,858
Auction Buyer Receipts	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Camping	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Carnival	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Concessions	47,043	93,068	0	-93,068	0%	42,850
Donations/Sponsorships	0	0	0	0	0%	7,500
Entry Fees	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Interest	55	273	0	-273	0%	9,780
Miscellaneous Fair Revenue	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Miscellaneous Non-Fair Revenue	14,025	157,823	119,625	-38,198	132%	83,156
Parking	23,343	348,019	355,100	7,081	98%	182,558
Programs	0	0	0	0	0%	6,677
Reimb Security/Maint Labor	12,593	31,833	0	-31,833	0%	43,968
Rentals	101,120	861,841	996,523	134,682	86%	344,534
Track 2%-Day & Night	2,416	240,459	600,000	359,541	40%	318,586
Utilities/Pumping	3,370	6,888	0	-6,888	0%	5,280
Prior Year Revenue	0	742	0	-742	0%	0
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	213,964	1,750,948	2,131,248	380,300	82%	1,055,746
OPERATING EXPENDITURES:						
Advertising/Promotionals	0	0	3,000	3,000	0%	2,973
Auction Payment to Sellers	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Cash Awards/Premiums	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Employee Wages-Permanent	27,119	228,563	331,201	102,638	69%	690,581
Employee Wages-Temporary	23,522	130,884	177,948	47,064	74%	175,944
Employee Benefits	18,802	156,748	210,133	53,385	75%	439,687
Entertainment	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Equipment-Purchase/Rent/Repair	4,344	11,539	27,636	16,097	42%	18,130
Insurance	11,126	151,144	225,516	74,372	67%	136,121
Judges	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Miscellaneous Fair	0	0	0	0	0%	79
Miscellaneous Non-Fair	216	16,058	57,771	41,713	28%	35,486
Payroll Taxes/Workers Comp	2,579	19,544	128,436	108,892	15%	56,084
Professional Svc-Fair	0	0	0	0	0%	10,188
Professional Svc-Non Fair	5,996	57,167	63,011	5,844	91%	25,552
Supplies & Expense-Fair	391	391	0	-391	0%	57,041
Supplies & Expense-Non Fair	4,876	19,500	58,978	39,478	33%	32,102
Utilities	29,034	158,194	274,703	116,509	58%	159,505
Audit	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Cash Over/Short	-7	289	0	-289	0%	5
Prior Year Expense	16,323	24,901	0	-24,901	0%	14,075
Projects	0	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	144,320	974,921	1,558,333	583,412	63%	1,853,551
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	69,644	776,027	572,915	-203,112	135%	-797,804
STATE ALLOC.-F&E FUNDS	0	0			0%	
CAPITAL-ONE TIME SOURCE	0	1,188,023				
PROJECT REIMBURSEMENTS	0	0			0%	
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) ADJUSTED	69,644	1,964,050				-797,804
NET RESOURCES-OPERATIONS		-814,177				
NET RESOURCES OPERATIONS ENDING		1,149,873				

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR, 31ST DAA
OVERHEAD INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

OVERHEAD	Current Month	Current YTD 9/30/21	Budget 2021	Balance of Budget	% Used 2021	Prior YTD 9/30/20
REVENUES						
Interest	55	273	0	-273	0%	9,780
Sponsorships-Non-Fair	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Miscellaneous Non-Fair Revenue	14,025	157,823	93,625	-64,198	169%	82,886
Reimb Security/Maint Labor	4,200	9,680	0	-9,680	0%	9,995
Prior Year Revenue	0	792	0	-792	0%	0
TOTAL REVENUES	18,279	168,568	93,625	-74,943	180%	102,661
EXPENSES						
Advertising/Promotionals	0	0	3,000	3,000	0%	1,509
Employee Wages-Permanent	18,831	157,756	203,700	45,944	77%	428,968
Employee Wages-Temporary	17,966	91,433	65,347	-26,086	140%	92,855
Employee Benefits	12,371	101,248	121,236	19,988	84%	264,134
Equipment-Purchase/Rent/Rep	4,334	11,449	14,289	2,840	80%	10,723
Insurance	11,126	151,144	225,516	74,372	67%	136,121
Miscellaneous Non-Fair	195	8,171	12,328	4,157	66%	20,470
Payroll Taxes/Workers Comp	1,759	12,783	61,900	49,117	21%	33,994
Professional Svc-Non Fair	3,674	46,876	51,192	4,316	92%	17,416
Supplies & Expense-Non Fair	4,876	21,491	35,978	14,487	60%	25,962
Utilities	28,975	157,694	273,700	116,006	58%	158,230
Audit	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Cash Over/Short	-7	298	0	-298	0%	-1
Prior Year Expense	16,323	24,901	0	-24,901	0%	14,075
TOTAL EXPENSES	120,423	785,243	1,068,186	282,943	74%	1,204,455
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-102,143	-616,675	-974,561	-357,886	63%	-1,101,794

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR, 31ST DAA
FAIR INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

FAIR	Current Month	Current YTD 9/30/21	Budget 2021	Balance of Budget	% Used 2021	Prior YTD 9/30/20
REVENUES						
Admissions	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Camping	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Carnival	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Concessions	0	0	0	0	0%	42,850
Donations/Sponsorships	0	0	0	0	0%	7,500
Entry Fees	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Miscellaneous Fair Revenue	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Parking	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Rentals	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Utilities/Pumping	0	500	0	-500	0%	870
Prior Year Revenue	0	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL REVENUES	0	500	0	-500	0%	51,220
EXPENSES						
Advertising/Promotionals	0	0	0	0	0%	914
Cash Awards/Premiums	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Employee Wages-Permanent	0	0	0	0	0%	45,860
Employee Wages-Temporary	0	0	0	0	0%	5,192
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	0%	23,627
Entertainment	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Equipment-Purchase/Rent/Rep	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Judges	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Miscellaneous Fair	0	0	0	0	0%	79
Payroll Taxes/Workers Comp	0	0	0	0	0%	3,263
Professional Svc-Fair	0	0	0	0	0%	10,188
Supplies & Expense-Fair	391	391	0	-391	0%	54,697
Utilities-Fair	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Cash Over/Short	0	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	391	391	0	-391	0%	143,820
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-391	109	0	-109	0%	-92,600

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR, 31ST DAA AUCTION INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021						
<u>AUCTION</u>	Current Month	Current YTD 9/30/21	Budget 2021	Balance of Budget	% Used 2021	Prior YTD 9/30/20
REVENUES						
Buyer Receipts	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Sponsors	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Slaughter Fees	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Misc. Revenue	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Interest	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Prior Year Revenue	0	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
EXPENSES						
Temp. Wages	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Professional Servcies	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Publicity & Marketing	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Lunch Expense	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Payment to Sellers	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Supplies & Expenses	0	0	0	0	0%	2,344
Hauling & Sltr	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Prior Year Expense	0	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0%	2,344
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	0	0	0	0	0%	-2,344

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR, 31ST DAA FACILITY RENTAL INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021						
FACILITY RENTALS	Current Month	Current YTD 9/30/21	Budget 2021	Balance of Budget	% Used 2021	Prior YTD 9/30/20
REVENUES						
Concessions	47,043	93,068	0	-93,068	0%	0
Miscellaneous Non-Fair Revenue	0	0	0	0	0%	150
Parking	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Reimb Security/Maint Labor	8,393	22,153	0	-22,153	0%	33,973
Rentals	101,120	861,841	996,523	134,682	86%	344,534
Rentals-Fair Sponsored Event	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Utilities/Pumping	3,370	6,388	0	-6,388	0%	4,410
Prior Year Revenue	0	-50	0	50	0%	0
TOTAL REVENUES	159,926	983,401	996,523	13,122	99%	383,067
EXPENSES						
Advertising/Promotionals	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Employee Wages-Permanent	5,469	45,436	57,386	11,950	79%	34,768
Employee Wages-Temporary	4,562	37,194	34,002	-3,192	109%	63,636
Employee Benefits	3,637	32,338	41,567	9,229	78%	31,560
Equipment-Purchase/Rent/Repair	10	90	3,300	3,210	3%	3,566
Miscellaneous Non-Fair	0	2,810	12,000	9,190	23%	7,473
Payroll Taxes/Workers Comp	571	5,038	38,564	33,526	13%	5,569
Professional Svc-Non Fair	2,160	3,840	0	-3,840	0%	0
Supplies & Expense-Non Fair	0	110	0	-110	0%	184
Sup/Exp-Fair Sponsored Event	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Utilities	59	500	1,003	503	50%	1,275
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,467	127,356	187,822	60,466	68%	148,031
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	143,459	856,045	808,701	-47,344	106%	235,036

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR, 31ST DAA HORSE RACING INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021						
HORSE RACING	Current Month	Current YTD 9/30/21	Budget 2021	Balance of Budget	% Used 2021	Prior YTD 9/30/20
REVENUES						
Admissions	10,000	10,000	60,000	50,000	17%	10,858
Concessions	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Miscellaneous Non-Fair Revenue	0	0	26,000	26,000	0%	119
Parking	23,343	348,019	355,100	7,081	98%	182,558
Programs	0	0	0	0	0%	6,677
Track 2%-Day & Night	2,416	240,459	600,000	359,541	40%	318,586
Prior Year Revenue	0	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL REVENUES	35,759	598,478	1,041,100	442,622	57%	518,798
EXPENSES						
Advertising/Promotionals	0	0	0	0	0%	550
Employee Wages-Permanent	2,819	25,371	70,115	44,744	36%	180,984
Employee Wages-Temporary	994	2,256	78,599	76,343	3%	14,261
Employee Benefits	2,794	23,162	47,330	24,168	49%	120,365
Equipment-Purchase/Rent/Rep	0	0	10,047	10,047	0%	3,841
Miscellaneous Non-Fair	0	1,756	25,991	24,235	7%	4,065
Payroll Taxes/Workers Comp	250	1,723	27,972	26,249	6%	13,259
Professional Svc-Non Fair	162	6,451	11,819	5,368	55%	8,136
Supplies & Expense-Non Fair	0	-2,101	23,000	25,101	-9%	5,956
Cash Over/Short	0	-9	0	9	0%	7
Prior Year Expense	0	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,019	58,609	294,873	236,264	20%	351,424
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	28,740	539,869	746,227	206,358	72%	167,374

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR (31ST DAA)					
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE					
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021					
<u>GENERAL RECEIVABLES</u>					
		TOTAL GENERAL RECEIVABLES			0.00
<u>FAIR TIME ACCRUALS</u>					
		TOTAL FAIR TIME RECEIVALBES			0.00
<u>AUCTION RECEIVABLES</u>					
		TOTAL AUCTION RECEIVABLES			0.00
		TOTAL RECEIVABLES			0.00
<u>LEGAL ACTIONS</u>					

GENERAL RECEIVABLES

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LEGAL ACTIONS

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR (31ST DAA)

CAPITAL PROJECTS

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

[illegible]

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

[illegible]

General Ledger Detail

Defaults (9/1/2021 - 9/30/2021)

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Date	Posting Description	Reference	Source	Merge #	Debit	Credit	Balance
11300-00-20-400-A	CASH IN BANK-OPERATING						297,908.75
9/1/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44160	250.00		
9/1/2021	OPCC Reference: 2 Receipt(s)						250.00
9/2/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44164	500.00		
9/2/2021	OPCC Reference: 2 Receipt(s)						500.00
9/2/2021	Credit Card Fees	JE21-0903	GL-Manual	44153		121.14 A	
9/2/2021	Summarized AP Payments	Payments	AP-Payment	44161		10.00	
9/2/2021	Wright Express Check: WRIEXP 09/02						10.00
9/3/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44167	375.00		
9/3/2021	OPCC Reference: 3 Receipt(s)						375.00
9/7/2021	Summarized AP Payments	Payments	AP-Payment	44161		5,000.00	
9/7/2021	Lieberman Consulting, Inc Check: 75561						5,000.00
9/9/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44172	125.00		
9/9/2021	OPCC Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						125.00
9/9/2021	UMS Celero Fees -Front Office	JE21-0904	GL-Manual	44154		7.95 A	
9/10/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44174	250.00		
9/10/2021	OPCC Reference: 2 Receipt(s)						250.00
9/13/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44180	375.00		
9/13/2021	OPCC Reference: 3 Receipt(s)						375.00
9/14/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44182	250.00		
9/14/2021	OPCC Reference: 2 Receipt(s)						250.00
9/15/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44184	47,167.88		
9/15/2021	OPCA Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						47,042.88
9/15/2021	OPCC Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						125.00
9/16/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44190	2,665.74		
9/16/2021	OPCA Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						2,415.74
9/16/2021	OPCC Reference: 2 Receipt(s)						250.00
9/16/2021	Summarized AP Payments	Payments	AP-Payment	44161		21.99	
9/16/2021	Sam's Club Mastercard Check: 484007144						21.99
9/17/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44192	125.00		
9/17/2021	OPCC Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						125.00
9/20/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44194	125.00		
9/20/2021	OPCC Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						125.00
9/21/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44196	125.00		
9/21/2021	OPCC Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						125.00
9/22/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44198	125.00		
9/22/2021	OPCC Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						125.00
9/24/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44200	125.00		
9/24/2021	OPCC Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						125.00
9/27/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44204	43,823.52		
9/27/2021	OPCA Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						43,448.52
9/27/2021	OPCC Reference: 3 Receipt(s)						375.00
9/28/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44206	9,550.00		
9/28/2021	OPCA Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						9,300.00
9/28/2021	OPCC Reference: 2 Receipt(s)						250.00
9/28/2021	Summarized AP Payments	Payments	AP-Payment	44161		2,285.22	
9/28/2021	QUADIENT FIANCE USA, INC. Check: 75562						2,285.22
9/29/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44208	125.00		
9/29/2021	OPCC Reference: 1 Receipt(s)						125.00
9/30/2021	AR Receipt Summary	Bank	AR-Receipt	44210	500.00		
9/30/2021	OPCC Reference: 3 Receipt(s)						500.00
11300-00-20-400-A		Net:	99,135.84		106,582.14	7,446.30	397,044.59

\$ Trial Balances

Adjustments:	129.09
Transfers:	
Net Received:	106,582.14
Net Disbursed:	7,317.21

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Gun Show Discussion
Attachments: Petitions Oct 17 2021.pdf

From: Karen Peters <kempeters@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 10:29 AM
To: Barbara Quaid <BQuaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Cc: Kathy Long <kathylong220@gmail.com>
Subject: [External] Gun Show Discussion

Attached is the petition that was available at our Brady United Against Gun Violence Booth at the Thousand Oaks City Walk Oct 17. People sought us out so they could sign it.

Thank you.

Karen Peters

Co-Chapter Leader - Ventura County Brady United

818-735-0987

kempeters@gmail.com

I am opposed to any gun shows at the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

I urge the Ventura County Fairgrounds Board of Directors to VOTE to End Gun Shows on state owned property.

Guns and ammunition should be sold only at registered and licensed gun stores.



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Judith Rosenbaum	Cambridge	judy@kegel.com	
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Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Gun shows in Ventura County

Barbara

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jan Jones <janjones913@hotmail.com>
Date: October 1, 2021 at 12:56:23 PM PDT
To: Barbara Quaid <bquaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: [External] Gun shows in Ventura County

- I am opposed to the gun shows at the VC Fairgrounds. State agencies should not promote and profit from the proliferation of guns and ammunition. The gun shows should not include Ghost Guns which have NO serial numbers nor background checks and minimal safety designs.
- I am concerned for the message the shows send to our youth; we need to change the gun culture. Children are afraid to go to school for fear of getting shot.
- The Crossroads of the West shows facilitated the worst mass murderer in modern times with the Las Vegas shooter acquiring ammunition from their gun shows.
- Guns are now the leading cause of death for all Americans under 18.
- Gun shows are not a "protected class" under the law and a contract to do business on this public land is always a decision of the Board!
- I urge the Board of Directors to vote to end gun shows at the fairgrounds.

PLEASE vote against gun shows

Janet Jones
Camarillo, CA93012
805-236-0532

Questions: Karen [818-735-0987](tel:818-735-0987) or email ventura@bradyunited.org

Sent from my iPhone

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 9:23 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Stop the gun shows at Ventura County Fairgrounds

Begin forwarded message:

From: "J. Fostakowsky" <janice.fostakowsky@gmail.com>
Date: September 30, 2021 at 11:58:00 AM PDT
To: Barbara Quaid <bquaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: [External] Stop the gun shows at Ventura County Fairgrounds

Dear CEO Quaid and Board Members,

Tomorrow October 1 we face the 4th anniversary of the mass shooting in Las Vegas. The killer in Las Vegas acquired his ammunition from a Crossroads of the West gun show. That alone should be enough for all fair board members to terminate fairground business with this entity. Gun shows are not a "protected class" under the law.

Guns are the leading cause of death for all Americans under 18. Having worked with children in a pediatric medical setting for more than 20 years, this statistic is shocking and unacceptable. It is time for each of us to do our part to change the gun culture in this county. This is your opportunity. I urge you to vote to end gun shows at the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

Sincerely,

Janice Fostakowsky
626 Mesa Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 6:19 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] supporting gun shows @ VC Fairgrounds

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From: Sol Chooljian <solchooljian@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 4:25:43 PM
To: Barbara Quaid <BQuaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: [External] supporting gun shows @ VC Fairgrounds

Hi Barbara,

As a Junior Livestock auction ring crew member for over 45 years, **I fully support continuing to allow gun shows at our VC fairgrounds.**

Existing show rules, including roving enforcement agents and high security provide a safe environment that will allow responsible citizens to transact business there rather than on the street.

I hope to see you soon to start planning the 2022 fair livestock auction.

Sincerely,

Sol Chooljian
40 Encino Avenue
Camarillo, ca 93010
804 484-4404

Heidi Ortiz

From: Jason Amelio
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Shame for allowing the gun show

From: michael akseven <makseven@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 4:18 PM
To: Jason Amelio <jamelio@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: [External] Shame for allowing the gun show

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Heidi Ortiz

From: michael akseven <makseven@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Info
Subject: [External] NO GUN SHOW

Come do the right thing, stand for something

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From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 6:18 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External]

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From: Sally Herman <sallyfettherman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 6:10:11 PM
To: Barbara Quaid <BQuaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: [External]

I am opposed to the gun shows at the VC Fairgrounds. State agencies should not promote and profit from the proliferation of guns and ammunition. The state-owned fairgrounds should stop renting out its facilities to gun shows. The gun shows should not include Ghost Guns which have NO serial numbers nor background checks and minimal safety designs.

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*I urge the Board of Directors to vote to end gun shows at the fairgrounds. Guns and ammunition should be sold only at registered and licensed gun stores.

Sally

Heidi Ortiz

From: LaVere, Matt <Matt.LaVere@ventura.org>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Barbara Quaid; Info
Subject: [External] Agenda item/gun shows Item #8

Ms. Quaid and Honorable Members of the Fair Board:

I am writing today in regards to Item #8 on your agenda tomorrow morning regarding gun shows. I am opposed to such shows being allowed. The County Board of Supervisors has adopted a legislative priority supporting efforts by your Board to cease the practice of contracting for gun shows at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. I firmly support this policy and hope that your Board will take such efforts to cease said gun shows. Your Board and Executive leadership have done a great job of keeping the fairgrounds activated and supportive of our community during this pandemic. The concerts and other events you have scheduled have been very well-received and having attended a few myself, they are exactly the type of activities I would love for you to continue pursuing. Many are family friendly and all of them create a vibrant, safe environment at the fairgrounds. Gun shows do just the opposite. I respectfully ask that you oppose any further contracts to allow for gun shows at the Fairgrounds.

Thank you for considering my comments.

-Matt

Matt LaVere

Supervisor | District 1

800 South Victoria Avenue | 4th Floor

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COUNTY of VENTURA

VCF Fair Board Members,

As I've shared with you previously, I have received and reviewed 1,002 pages of your financial statements, attendance records and vendor/concessionaire data from the [pre-Covid] 2015 – 2019 Ventura County Fairs. The story told by these financial records portrays a much different level of "success" than is often touted by some of the Board Members and VCF Staff.

Here are some facts, from your own financial documents, relating to [pre-Covid] Fair years 2015 - 2019:

1. Net Profit/Loss after Depreciation – **LOSS** 4 of 5 years
2. Attendance has **DECLINED** from top attendee areas where population has **INCREASED**
3. Auction Revenue "Paid to Sellers" (kids) – 5 straight years of **DECLINES**
4. Fair Revenue from the Junior Livestock Auction in 2019 – **INCREASED 323% in 2019 – 2019 is the year you voted to increase fees to kids the next year (in 2020) by 33%**
5. \$1,000,000+ {FREE Entertainment} Annual Budget – **INCREASED** 4 of 5 years
6. **Much more similar [negative] evidence from 1,002 pages of your financial statements...**

Here are some additional facts that are a concern:

1. In spite of repeated public requests, you continue to hold VCF Board Meetings at 9:00am on Tuesdays when many working people and students can't attend.
2. Your Board Meeting Minutes are not always complete with key details, limiting a true picture of the meeting for those who couldn't attend.
3. You delete recordings of VCF Board meetings after 30-days which, although allowed by the state, eliminates the ability to get a complete review of the meetings in the future. (Storing digital audio/video records is very easy and takes very little hard drive space.)
4. You request that the public sends you emails to express thoughts, ideas, concerns, etc... Yet, you don't respond to the emails we send.

Most recently, on Sept. 16, 2021, I requested additional records of 31st DAA (VCF) business contracts, vendor agreements and recording of the August meeting, that the public is entitled to see. According to the state, you are to provide that information without delay and in no longer than 10-days. Today is day 12 and you have failed to comply and provide the information.

You may be aware that there's a groundswell of community interest in exploring major changes to how the Fair is managed, how the fairgrounds are operated annually and how the Fair Board and Fair Staff perform and are held accountable – and that momentum is building very rapidly.

Current failing strategies and questionable management practices have crippled the Fairground's operations. Please stop blaming these failures on COVID. Bad decisions have led to the inability to employ staff, full or part-time, the inability to maintain a fully-operating fairgrounds and the cancellation of the Fair, 2-years in a row.

The large majority of businesses in our communities that also faced shutdowns, or the state prohibiting full-operations, survived and recovered and have been in full-operation for months. This is in spite of dramatic losses of customers and revenue. The fairgrounds still isn't capable of full-operations.

You promised to hold "Recovery and Operations" planning meetings months ago. You have still not held those meetings and you have still not acknowledged whether the many very talented, experienced and

financially solid people (that have all offered to volunteer and contribute to help) will be invited to participate in those meetings.

At this point, I ask you to evaluate why you remain on the Fair Board. What specific talents, experience, knowledge or wisdom do you bring to the table that make you the best person, better than 500,000+ other adults in Ventura County, to occupy that seat you sit in and lead our very necessary 31st DAA recovery?

As you consider my question, please consider that for the last five {pre-Covid] years, you have been a part of the group that has failed our community.

Some other relevant questions:

1. Based on your recent track record, how can our community have confidence that, starting tomorrow, you will all-of-the-sudden have the ability to make much better decisions?
2. What are you personally getting out of being on the Fair Board?
3. Why not resign and give the state the opportunity to appoint some new people that will bring; new ideas, new energy, new leadership, new connections, new revenue, new marketing, new community relations, new business partners, new sponsors, new events and new activities, participants and attendees?
4. How can a part-time CEO lead a team to success?
5. How can a Board that refuses to reach beyond their own limits be successful?

Thank you for your attention & consideration.

Scott Toland
Cell 805.857.5555

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 11:41 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] BOARD CORRESPONDENCE
Attachments: Taylor Lindsay VC Fair Letter.pdf

From: Taylor Lindsay <taylindsay03@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 11:39 AM
To:

Subject: [External] BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Ventura County Fair Board,

Please accept the attached letter as my opposition to changing the dates of the 2022 Fair.

Thank you.

Taylor Lindsay

My name is Taylor Lindsay. I am currently attending Montana State University studying AgBusiness. I have been showing and raising cattle for nine years at the Ventura County Fair. Throughout this opportunity I learned many responsibilities, life skills, and met many people, some of which are now my closest friends.

I am writing this letter out of concern that the Ventura County Fair Board is looking to change the dates of the fair. Along with my concern of the dates possibly changing, I am worried that the Board no longer views livestock as a priority at the fair.

Not only do many of us enjoy raising animals because of what we can learn, but because it can help with our futures. Livestock projects require all of us to learn many responsibilities, how to feed and care for our livestock, gain confidence by speaking and showing in front of the public, money management and business economics.

Many kids in elementary, middle, and high school would already be back in session if the dates were changed. I have previously spent two weeks of fair (different years) in both school and at the fair. It was a struggle to balance both, I had to miss a lot of my first week of school so I could attend the shows at the fair. Having fair dates be later in the year can cause issues for more than just conflicting school dates, but even for the Ventura County Fair too. There are a lot of people from surrounding areas that come to visit the fair for the food, but also to see the livestock because it is not something most see on a regular basis or ever. The fair itself can lose profits and business by changing these dates. There are many kids in Ventura County that have never had the opportunity to see a 200+ pound pig or walk beside a lamb and goat or get to see how massive a steer really is.

The livestock breeders would also be suffering from a change of dates. Market steers for the 2022 Ventura County Fair are already born and being worked with. Other species are already bred so they can be the right age and weight for showing in August. To change the dates of fair would mean these animals would be too old and not what the judges would be looking for. In order for livestock breeders to have animals for kids to show they have to get on a schedule of when they breed for the right timing of births of these market animals. Changing dates creates a problem for these breeders. Looking even farther into the future, cows for the 2023 Ventura County Fair are already bred. If the fair dates were to be changed this is not just affecting our 2022 fair year, but even further than that.

By changing the Ventura County Fair dates, it puts all of us in a predicament that is not fair by any means and for what reason? I would ask the Ventura County Fair Board to review the many letters of opposition to changing the dates and listen to the community that supports the Ventura County Fair. It's important moving forward that the Ventura County Fair Board be open with their intentions about the livestock portion of the fair as the Board is not impacted by their decisions. We all continue to spend our own money and time thinking the fair is going to happen; whether it's raising an animal or as myself, breeding for the local youth to take animals to fair.

I am very grateful for the opportunities and time I had to show at the Ventura County Fair. Thank you for your time.

Taylor Lindsay

I graduated Santa Paula High School in 1998. I was in FFA, and I raised three replacement heifers that I showed and auctioned at the Ventura County Fair. Being able to have that opportunity taught me a lot of responsibility. It takes a lot of time and work to raise an animal for fair. I gained self confidence being in the show ring in front of my peers and adults. I learned time management because I had to go feed down at the school farm before school and feed in the evenings but still make sure I had time to get my schoolwork, chores, and cheer practice done. On the weekends we had farm days where we would go clean the school farm or do any maintenance that needed to be done. We also had practice shows leading up to fair to get us ready for showmanship. I met a lot of friends through FFA and at fair, some I still keep in contact with today, 20 some years later. Going to the fair with my animals were some of the best times of my life. They are memories I will keep with me forever. I will always be grateful for the times I spent there and the lessons I learned through raising animals.

If you change the dates of the Ventura County Fair, there are going to be kids that aren't going to have the opportunity to raise animals that would have wanted to. Schools will be in session; sports will have started and kids who want to take animals to fair are going to miss out. The first day you take your animal there you would have to miss school because it takes you all day to get checked and weighed in. During fair you have to feed your animal early in the morning, clean pens, walk your animals, do barn duty, feed in the evening, showmanship, auction, round robin (if you make it) and whatever else is going on. There's a lot that goes on at fair when you have an animal there. It would be really hard for someone to balance fair, school, sports and anything else they have all at the same time. Raising animals is such an amazing experience and has so many valuable lessons a kid can learn I don't think it is fair to take that opportunity away from those that want it. There's also the matter of the animals that have already been bred for the upcoming year. They are bred at certain times to be a certain age when they are taken to fair. If you change the dates the animals are not going to be the right age (and that will affect the weight) and that will be a problem when fair does come around.

I think it's important to give our youth as many opportunities as possible to do positive things with their time. Give them ways to learn about responsibility and teach them life lessons. We need to keep our kids off the streets and give them things they can be involved with. Being part of FFA, 4H, Grange or any other groups gives kids a chance to be around other kids, and adults who can teach them things that maybe their parents can't. I have two kids of my own, I would love for my youngest to be able to get involved in raising an animal and going to fair. If the dates were changed it would be very hard for him to be in school and go to fair at the same time.

I think you should consider all the kids that would be missing out on the opportunity of raising animals if you were to change the dates of the fair. Some of these kids may never get this opportunity again.

Thank you,

Keri Coleman

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 11:29 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

From: Dawn Lindsay <dawnmlindsay@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 11:27 AM
To:

Subject: [External] BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Ventura County Fair Board,

I am in agreement with the local livestock community with opposing changing the dates of the Ventura County Fair.

Please keep the fair dates in July/August as they have been in the past.

Thank you.

Dawn Lindsay

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Fair Gound Date Change Concerns

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From: Young, Renee Young <renee.young@venturaedu.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 3:45:02 PM
To: Barbara Quaid <BQuaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: [External] Fair Gound Date Change Concerns

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the Fair Board is considering moving the fair dates back, out of the regularly scheduled summer timeframe.

As a local teacher in Ventura Unified School District, I am horrified to learn that this will force our 4H students to choose between continuing with the valuable 4H program or losing an entire week of school in order to participate!

Our 4H students are able to experience beneficial leadership skills in the 4H program that our schools are unable to provide. My students are desperate to think that they will no longer be able to participate in their beloved 4H program, if the board pushes back the fair dates. Many of my 4H students will be entering high school soon and they cannot afford to miss an entire week of school as they enter their freshman year. In fact, there is no grade level that can benefit, academically, from missing an entire week of school!

As we consider all of the learning loss that occurred during Covid & distanced learning, it is imperative that our students receive the best education possible. If you push the fair dates into the school year calendar, you are choosing to diminish the 4H program as our students are forced to drop out, at best, and hinder the education of our students, at worst. I am positive that the Fair Board would never willingly choose to do this to the youth of our county! I am sure that this was just an oversight that needs to be addressed.

I also know educators in southern districts lose a tremendous number of students each year because their fair boards have unwisely chosen to host the fair during school months. Many families enjoy the fair experience so much that they take their students out of school to go to the fair. Once again, students miss the memory-filled, family fair connection or the schools miss out on invaluable teaching time for their students when parents take them out of school to attend the fair.

PLEASE! Reassess the idea of pushing the fair dates back & keep the fair during our summer months for the benefit of the inestimable 4H program as well as for the educational value it will cost our students! PLEASE! Put our Ventura County Youth at the top of your priority list and keep the fair running during the summer months!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Young
VUSD Educator

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Board Correspondence: Letter to the VCF CEO & 31st Agricultural District Board of Directors
Attachments: Letter to VCF Board.pdf

From: Megan Hook <megan@805agkids.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:46 AM
To:

Cc: Megan Hook <megan@805agkids.com>
Subject: [External] Board Correspondence: Letter to the VCF CEO & 31st Agricultural District Board of Directors

Dear Ventura County Fair CEO Barbara Quaid & 31st Agricultural District Board of Directors,

I hope you'll take a moment to read the attached board correspondence I've written.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Megan Hook
805-469-0055

Dear VCF Board of Directors,

Many of you know me as the voice behind 805 Ag Kids, but I'd like to tell you a little bit about me personally and why I'm so passionate about the Ventura County Fair.

Growing up, my family didn't have a lot of money. While my friends looked forward to summer vacations in Hawaii, my family looked forward to going to the Ventura County Fair. We not only looked forward to Fair Week all year long, but perhaps even more exciting, was when the Ventura County Fair Entry Guide came out. My mom would hunt down a copy and we'd fold the corners of the pages that applied to us. It was my family's own version of the Sears Christmas catalog.

When fairtime would finally arrive, our excitement wasn't about the rides or the Fair food (except maybe Jobs' Daughters chili cheese fries – those were AMAZING). For my family, it was all about seeing how our entries did in the buildings. As soon as we'd make it through those Fair gates, we'd head straight for the buildings.

In 1987, I remember the pride my family felt when my stepdad won the Fair Theme and Judges' Award for a photograph he entered in the Photography Building. The photo, later framed and matted with the ribbons he won, still hangs in my childhood home today.

In the early 90s, my mom entered her homemade strawberry jam in the Home Arts Building. It couldn't be beat! Almost 30 years later, she still gifts her award-winning jam to friends and neighbors every year at Christmas.

The first time I ever shared my writing for the public to see was as a 10 year old when I entered it in the Youth Building. The confidence that blue ribbon gave me would encourage me to write more. Years later, I'd become a columnist for the Ventura County Star, a blogger with an international readership, and a nationally recognized author.

It wasn't until my Freshman year of high school that I'd get the opportunity to raise an animal for the Ventura County Fair through the Camarillo FFA program. My experience with FFA was bigger than raising animals though – I'd also compete at the state level in the FFA Creed Contest, learn important life skills through the Farm Credit West Loan Analysis Contest, and understand parliamentary procedure as a regional officer for the Ventura County FFA region.



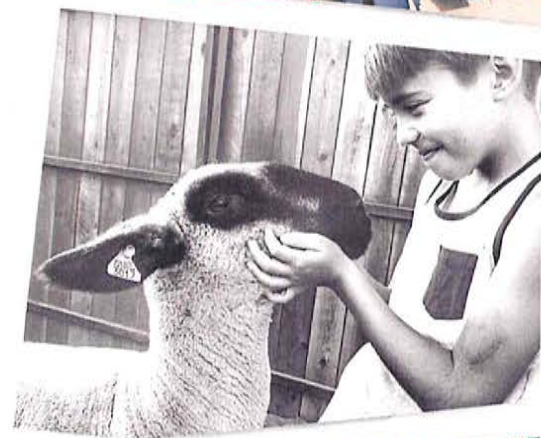
As a teenager, I loved being a part of the Fair so much that I applied for and became a member of the Junior Fair Board, planning, organizing, and executing events throughout all 12 days of the Ventura County Fair. I'm still in touch with many of my fellow Junior Fair Board members – most of whom are also still involved in Agriculture to this day.



In my last year of raising an animal for the Ventura County Fair, I met my future husband – also an FFA member participating in Fair Week. By day, we'd compete in market shows, showmanship, and the Junior Livestock Auction. By night, we'd get to know each other on the Ferris Wheel and while watching the fireworks. He'd hold my hand for the first time as we watched Chris LeDoux sing in the grandstand arena. Every year, it's our tradition to take our photo in the Photo Booths near the midway at the Ventura County Fair, commemorating the place we met.



Years later, we'd have kids of our own. They too would fall in love with the Ventura County Fair. First, by entering their art projects, Lego creations, table settings, and baked goods in the Youth Building. (There isn't a ribbon my middle son hasn't won for his entries.) My youngest son would begin raising lambs as soon as he was old enough in the Livestock Department. (He would win 4-H Reserve Champion his first year and Reserve Grand Champion in 2018.) Now, my 6 year old daughter can't wait until she's old enough to participate. She thinks she'll be raising a steer the second she turns 9. (We'll see about that.)



This is just a snippet of my family's (three generations!) love of and involvement in the Ventura County Fair. Thousands of families in Ventura County have their own beloved Ventura County Fair traditions and memories too. The Fair is made up of each of us – we all play a small 'part' – families just like ours, vendors and concessionaires, and fairgoers too. These 'parts' make up the entries in the buildings for fairgoers to enjoy, the food fairgoers try, the novelty items fairgoers buy, the entertainment fairgoers watch, the animals fairgoers would otherwise never get to experience. Without each of these parts, the Ventura County Fair is not whole; it is not the Fair this community loves so much.



Personally, my passion for advocating for our local Ag kids is bigger than livestock; it encompasses the Fair as a whole; each of its parts. The future of the Fair, the success of the Fair – in its entirety. But the Fair cannot and will not be successful without our local Ag kids who make up the Livestock Department. Aside from being the largest exhibit (and most loved, according to your 2018 survey) and bringing in over \$1.5 million in sales in 2017, 2018, and 2019 each, these Ag kids are also the Youth Building participants, concert goers, fair food consumers, carnival riders and game players. They are the admission and parking passes, too.

They are the Ventura County Fair.

You, as Directors of the 31st Agricultural District Association, are also the Ventura County Fair. When considering the future of this Fair, please be sure it includes our local Ag kids. This means including them in the Fair Week and ensuring the Fair is held at its “normal” time of year in early August, when they can participate.

Please consider the weight of this decision and its importance, not only to our local Ag kids, but to the Ventura County community as a whole. Ask yourselves, what does this community want? You can be a part of not only bringing back the Ventura County Fair, but making it, perhaps, the most successful one ever. After two years of cancellations – Fair and otherwise – people are craving a semblance of normalcy. You can give them that. Perhaps, even, it is your responsibility to do so.

I appreciate your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,
Megan Hook

*Former Youth Building Participant
Former Junior Fair Board Member
Former FFA Livestock Exhibitor
Parent of Livestock Exhibitors
Former 4-H Project Leader
Photography Building Participant
Junior Livestock Auction Buyer
CEO, 805 Ag Kids
Fairgoer*



Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 5:11 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: "To: [External] Ventura County Fair Board"

From: Karson Chavez <karsonchavez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 4:26 PM
To: Barbara Quaid <BQuaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: Re: "To: [External] Ventura County Fair Board"

To: Ventura County Fair Board

My name is Karson

I am a 4H Parent and Volunteer up at Briggs in Santa Paula. As this chapter is starting to grow again we are happy there is still interest in AG amongst the youth these days. The Bonds and friendships at the ranch throughout the season is amazing and very healthy. We got in the first year of Covid and limped through with the help of our leader doing the best she could to stay on track and make the kids learn and stay disciplined like we had fair coming up. With the help of the 805 AG Kids we were still able to virtually show and sell the animal. Still after 2 years we have not had a true fair experience and that is disappointing but out of your control. We as advocates of the youth in the 805 AG community want to voice our opinion and opinions about the importance of this fair and it including the Animals and the Arts. These two areas of the the fair is what makes it feel like a county Fair with the ocean air. It provides a place for our fair family's to go and see the animals being raised locally by our children and local artist being able to showcase and compete on a county level.

The fair is set at a great time of the year where the kids can have one last horah of the summer. We need to set these dates ASAP and stand on our own two feet as a county and just make a decision on the dates weather it interferes with other county Fairs or not. We as a community can find the vendors to fill the spots of some of the vendors who can't make it because they chose to do a fair in another area. The Carnival part is the same. I am sure there are other carnival company's that we could call in if our normal one is not available. Another big factor is the Breeders for the Ag Family's who have already started the process because they had a prior plan with aprox dates and could not take the risk if they did not get started. It becomes a tougher time getting the animals to weigh the appropriate weights Minimum/ Maximum. The breeders for the animals must have have a good aprox date to work with so it leaves good ample amount of time to breed the animals for the right time frame. So many reasons we just need to set the date and start the planing process. That may push other county's to adjust on there end or make decisions as well.

Let's leave enough planing time in case we need to find vendors / carnival / Music Acts Etc.

As you saw this summer the Music can really make some money and I also feel like we can start charging \$ for tickets again and start bringing in some of the big National acts like the Mid State Fair. We are loosing credibility.

Please listen to your community!
We are speaking out.

Karson KC Chavez

Sent from my iPhone

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Concerned 4H Kid

From: Tiffany Chavez <marleynarly17@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 2:34 PM
To: '

Cc: Megan Hook <Megan@805agkids.com>
Subject: [External] Concerned 4H Kid

Ventura county fair board,
Hello! My name is Marley Chavez.

I am apart of Briggs 4h and
have been for 2 years now.

I started raising market lambs
in hopes to show at the fair
but still, me and many others in
my situation have never gotten to
expeirence that.

I understand there is talk about
moving fair dates to later in the year
where I don't see this is benefitial?

If dates are moved Students like me
will either have to miss out on a week of
our education or can not and will not attend
the fair, forcing us to have to find private
buyers for our animals.

Can you see where our concerns are?
I genuinely hope you will take our thoughts into
consideration as we have done nothing but
respect your changes made these past few
years. Understand we want nothing more
then some sort of normalacy so we can
continue doing what we love.

-marley (age 13)

Thank you for reading my letter and my concerns.

Marley Rae Chavez

Sent from my iPhone

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 12:50 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Changing 2022 Fair Dates

From: grace Baxter <gracebaxter939@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 12:34 PM
To:

Subject: [External] Changing 2022 Fair Dates

Dear VCF Board Members,

Hi, I'm Grace Baxter and I show lambs at the Ventura Country Fair. I'm writing this in hopes you will listen to the voices of the kids that show and raise the livestock for the fair. Last year was my first year starting 4H and all I knew going into it was uncertainty and now even more following me into my 2nd year. I understand there is talk about changing fair dates from the normal July/August time to some time in September or October and this just isn't fair to any livestock kid. I am currently an 8th-grade student at Balboa Middle School and if the dates were changed I would not be able to attend the fair because my school will be in session. It would be used as an unexcused absence because I am not sick but trying to do something I am passionate about.

I have made so many friends, created memories, and had some of my best times around livestock. I don't only do it for fun but because it is something I put hard work into and am determined about. Thank you for your time and I hope you consider not changing the fair dates.

-Grace Baxter
Briggs 4H

Dear VCF Board Members,

Hi I'm Grace Baxter & I show lambs for the Ventura County Fair. I am writing this in hopes you will listen to the voices of the kids showing & raising the animal. Last year was my first year starting 4H & all I knew going into it was uncertainty & now even more following me into my 2nd year. I understand there is talk about changing fair dates from the normal July/August times to sometime in September or October & this just isn't fair to any livestock kid. I am currently an 8th-grade student at Balboa Middle School & if the dates were changed I would not be able to attend the fair because my school will be in session. It would be used as an unexcused absence because I am not sick but trying to do something I am passionate about. Also juggling school & raising livestock is a very hard task so changing fair dates would not be beneficial to the ones raising & working the animals.

I have also made so many friends, created memories, & had some of my best times around livestock. I don't only do it for fun but because it is something I put hard work into & am determined about. Thank you for your time & I hope you consider not changing the fair dates.

- Grace Baxter
Briggs 4H

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Board Correspondence

From: Christy Reiman <christy@aspenag.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:52 AM
To:

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

To Ventura County Fair Board;

My name is Christy Reiman and I am a long-time supporter of the Ventura County Junior Livestock Shows & Auction. I grew up showing livestock through FFA and benefiting from the support of the agricultural community. My husband and I have been buyers at Ventura County Fair for over two decades. As my own kids grew, they were active members of the Santa Rosa Valley and Somis 4-H clubs and participated in everything from photography to the swine project. I was a swine and dairy goat project leader for ten years and have seen hundreds of kids benefit from the program. My oldest son is in his third year at Cal Poly, SLO as an ag major. We credit his time in 4-H as a driving force for getting him there. My daughter, a current high school senior, is in the process of applying to college. She intends to pursue a degree in animal science. Her college application essays revolve around her time and experiences in 4-H and the Ventura County Fair. I could bore you with a long list of reasons why this program is so beneficial to the young people in Ventura County, but I won't. As board members, you should know just how important it is. Frankly, if you have ever stepped foot into the livestock barn during fair, I'm sure you remember seeing the dedication and commitment these kids and their families make to the program. There are scholarships, jobs, life skills, and opportunities for the kids. This is where they are learning responsibility – not just for themselves, but the care of another living being. They learn financial responsibility, time management, and compassion. They build friendships that last a lifetime. They put down their cell phones, texting, and snap chat and they engage. They engage with their community, their leaders, their peers, their animals, and you, a member of the fair board. Isn't that what we want from our young people?

How could you possibly consider removing livestock from the Ventura County Fair? Separating it from the carnival, food, and other fair fun? Changing the dates so fewer and fewer kids have the opportunity to participate? How is it that any of these scenarios are even being considered? Do you truly understand the impact that changing fair dates has on these young people? It is not just something that they look forward to but for some it's why they get up every day. It's where they succeed, it's where they are accepted, and it's where they excel. I hope you will take the time to deeply understand the impact that these changes could have.

I implore you to hold their fair in its traditional format, in August, for 10 days, and include the Junior Livestock Show and Auction.

The Ventura County Fair has had a huge impact on my family and the direction my kids have chosen to follow for their education and career paths. It saddens me that I even have to write this letter. The fact that the Ventura County Fair Junior Livestock Show and Auction is in any kind of jeopardy is shocking to me. The benefit that the livestock programs provide for so many kids far outweighs the challenges of dates, logistics, and whatever other excuses are being tossed around.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter and I hope you will firm up the July / August 2022 fair dates and include every aspect that has always made up the Ventura County Fair.

Regards,

Christy Reiman

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 2:51 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] BOARD CORRESPONDENCE
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From: Dawn Lindsay <dawnmlindsay@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 2:17 PM
To:

Subject: [External] BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board,

I have attached a few letters written by our local ag kids. Please include them in your board packet for review for the October 26, 2021 meeting.

Thank you

Dawn

Dear ventura county Fair board,

Hello,

my name is Lindsay Lindemer and I have been compeating in livestock competitions for 7 years now. I honestly cant rember not being able to bring my animal to the fair. Weather it was a guinea pig or a steer all of it was equally as facinating.

Throughout my years I have worked very hard with my animals, through thick and thin they have always been my first priority. I have always been a fan of learning new things about my animals and with them. At the fair every year I would look forward to the ask me booth that I would volunteer at through champion of champions I absolutely loved getting to talk to people about guinea pigs, rabbits, horses, swine, and I have yet to talk about my new project, steers. This booth would not be possible without the little kids running through the livestock barns through out the week. I would like to hope that one day I will be able to further communicate the inform about livestock and our clubs throughout the community.

After hearing that the livestock could be moved to a, seperate week, I was devisic

My whole world revolved around the animals that I would no longer be allowed to show off at the fair. I ~~was~~ breed and raise my own STEERS, so not only would or prospects be thrown off this year, it would be thrown off for next year as well because or cows have already been bread.

Our cows this year could ~~not~~ be marked as overweight if our fair was moved. It could also conflict with when people start school and would therefore not be allowed to attend. I hope that one day we will all be allowed to join together and celebrate hard work.

Thank you,

Lindsay Lindemeyer
Lindsay Lindemeyer

Dear. Ventura county fair

I am sofia and this is my
first year of doing swine and
I would like to go to fair and
experience doing swine.

from

Sofia Perez

Dear Ventura county fair
My name is Todd Lindemer
I have raised a guinea pig
for 4 years. This is my first
year raising a steer and I
would love to be able to bring
my steer to the fair. I've
already bought my steer and
received it I would not
be able to sell it if the
date gets moved. Please don't
take the livestock away. Thank
you for your consideration Todd.

Dear Ventura County fair board,

Hello

my name is Bentley Thrasher and I had a pig last year and I am doing a steer this year and if you guys push the fair dates out than my steer may be to old or over weight or to big I have been doing fair for 3 years now and I did a pygmy goat my first year and last year ~~and~~ I did a pig and This year I am doing a steer ~~steer~~

Please don't push the fair dates out than ks Bentley Thrasher.

Dear Ventura County Fair Board,

I have raised pigs for 3 years now.
I've gone to fair $2/3$ of those times,
and I very much enjoyed the experience.
I would love to be able to go again.
Please let us keep our fair dates so we
can have that fun again. For our steer
community, they all have their animals
already, and if the fair dates change
they will get over-weight. Please take
this into consideration.

Thank you,

Roxy Lozer

Dear, ventura coming

I really Love doing the fair and raising swine and its
a great experience please dont switch up the dates.

I Bred my sow this year to see what her piglets will do
this year but it wont be the same ~~if~~ if we dont
have a fair or you switch the dates up.

Kylie, wheatley.

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Board Correspondence

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From: Chloe Richardson <chloerichardson411@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 8:41:35 AM
To: Barbara Quaid <BQuaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

Good morning,

My name is Chloe Richardson and I have previously participated in the Ventura County Fair. Starting when I was little, I raised 8 market swine for the Fair until I aged out. These years a part of 4-H helped shape me into the woman I am today. Through 4-H I developed leadership skills, time management, and confidence in myself. I also was a part of the Junior Fair Board for two years where I worked underneath Barbara. These eight years a part of the Fair were the best times! People are always intrigued to hear about raising animals and the Fair and their comments are always amazed at the dedication we have for 4-H.

To hear that the Ventura County Fair may move dates or be cancelled all together breaks my heart. Raising swine and showing animals at the Ventura County Fair was my life when I was that age. I have the best memories and life lessons from the Fair.

I strongly urge you to consider the future of Ventura County's Ag kids. The Ventura County Fair is more than just a fair for kids. These kids give their blood, sweat, and tears to raise their animals. They learn multiple valuable life lessons including money management. The Ventura County Fair helps kids earn more to go to college. These potential changes will alter the entire future of our local kids.

Please keep the Ventura County Fair during the July/August dates. Also, please allow the livestock department to remain a part of the annual Fair Week!! This change would drastically affect our entire county. Thank you for your time.

Best,
Chloe Richardson

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Board Correspondence

From: Windy Ooop <andyt0996@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 3:31 PM
To:

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

Dear VCF Board,

My name is Andrew Torres and I raise lambs for Briggs 4-H of Santa Paula. This year will be my third year raising lambs, I've been enrolled in 4-H for four years. The reasoning for me only showing three years is because of COVID-19. For the 2019-2020 year I didn't raise lambs due to the uncertainty of my lamb selling, that news was some of the worst news of my life.

Raising animals is one of my favorite things to do especially since it's over the summer. Hearing that the fair dates for livestock might change is really bad news for us ag kids. If the fair dates were to change that would cause kids to have to take a week off school. I wouldn't be able to take a week off school as I would be a freshman in High School, I simply wouldn't be able to afford to skip a week of school.

As a child I loved to go to the fair and see the animals; moving the fair dates would not only cause the fair to lose a lot of animals but money as well. If the fair were to be moved into September or October kids wouldn't be able to attend much due to school. I chose to raise animals not just to have fun but to also start a college fund. The college I want to attend requires out of state tuition which is a lot of money. Raising animals has taught me so much, it's not just something I do just for fun please take this into consideration.

Sincerely,
Andy Torres
Briggs 4-H

Ventura County Fair Board Members

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Sincerely,

~~Andrew~~
Andrew Torres Briggs 4-H Age 13

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:00 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Importante of VCF

Barbara

Begin forwarded message:

From: andrea arroyo <aarroyo12021@gmail.com>
Date: October 18, 2021 at 11:23:50 PM PDT
To:

Subject: [External] Importante of VCF

Hi my name is Andrea Arroyo I am 14 years old and this is my 5th year raising a animal for VCF. Right now I should be sleeping because tomorrow is my first day back at school since I have been quarantined but instead I choose to write this email that is how much VCF means to me and I know that I am not the only exhibitor who feels this way about VCF. I have the pleasure to say been around the VCF my entire life my sister has done it from the age of 10 to 19 and she is now 23. My other siblings have also been doing VCF for a couple of years as have I. I know that making a decision on having fair can be scary especially when you have a whole a county looking at you and even worse when there are multiple opinions. I would just like to say to please keep in mind all kids who have raised a animal and is what they look forward to. The reason I am saying this is because we all put months of hard work in to raising our animal. Everyday we walk, feed and care for our animal. And all that hard work is just for one week of stress, competition and a roller coaster of emotions you may think well why would a kid want to go through all that... Its because of the memories we make with each other I have meet some of my friends through https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__fair.So&d=DwlFaQ&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=SXWS-Q4nbMf6Kh9iUk-ZhYZmrobysSMFZCyX31ExWzs&m=3ZE-rxNxSc8yxasg6S1r1eB9RnYEPeY0qDY3d76rye4&s=Tfy_qhoXxp9PywkkBrI8NyONXIWXT5XiU0FU5UViU-s&e= now that you have my opinion what will you do with it? Will you fight for our livestock kids or will you say no even though you know you could have done something? The choice is now yours. Before I sign off this letter I would like to share a piece of advice don't go with what the public or majority of people want you to choose go with what you think is right and what you want. Thank you for talking the time to read my email.

Andrea Arroyo

Sent from my iPhone

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:45 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Board Correspondence

From: Rain Perry <rain@rainperry.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:55 AM
To: Barbara Quaid <BQuaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Cc: i

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

Dear Ms. Quaid and Board:

As a decade-long Fair Mom and a supporter of 4H long before that, I'm write to express my strong opinion that the livestock auction is what makes the Ventura County Fair a county fair. Moving the fair to October, when the Ag kids can't be there, would fundamentally change the nature of the fair. It would just be a seaside carnival.

Ventura County's agricultural roots and identity are fundamental to the Ventura County Fair.

Please keep the auction and keep the fair in August.

Sincerely,
Rain Perry

@rainperryofficial (FB)
@rainperry (Twitter & Instagram)

rainperry.com
shopkeepermovie.com

Social media are so fickle.
<http://www.rainperry.com/join>

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:07 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: Board Correspondence
Attachments: VCF Board Letter from Amber McCalister.pdf

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From: Amber McCalister <ambermccalister@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 3:14:50 PM
To:

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

Ventura County Fair Board,

Please find attached my letter for **Board Correspondence**.

My daughters have been raising steers as part of Simoore Grange for several years, and desperately would like to show their current steers (which they have already purchased) at the Ventura County Fair this summer! We are all hoping you do what is best for our community and our kids - please keep the Ventura County Fair in the summer, and continue to have livestock remain a part of the annual Fair Week.

Thank you,
Amber McCalister
(805) 320-5911
ambermccalister@gmail.com

October 18, 2021

Ventura County Fair Board,

My daughters want to be just like their daddy. Their father, my husband, raised steers from age 9 through age 18, first through Mupu 4H, and later through his high school FFA program. He was so lucky that he had the privilege to raise 9 steers and take them to the Ventura County Fair for a week in the summer EVERY YEAR. During that week, he had the incredible, whirlwind experience that only those who have taken livestock to the Fair know about! He had very early mornings and very late nights. He had the responsibility of caring for something other than himself. He had comradery, friendship, and made wonderful memories with his club members and pen-mates. He had the excitement of getting ready for the shows, and the elation (and sometimes disappointment) when those ribbons and belt buckles were handed out. He had the sadness of saying good-bye to an animal he cared for upwards of 11 months on that last night of the Fair, but the feelings of pride for a job well done. It was the highlight of his summer, and he looked forward to it year after year.

My daughters want to be just like their daddy. They want to raise steers and have these wonderful experiences at the Ventura County Fair. In 2017, history repeated itself and my older daughter got her first steer. The joy my husband had re-living his youth and guiding my daughter through this experience was so fun to watch! She is now 14 and has just gotten her 5th steer, and my younger 11 year old daughter joined a few years later and is now starting with her 3rd steer. But my daughters are not so lucky, like their daddy was. My 14 year old daughter is better off than my 11 year old. She was able to go to two Ventura County Fairs in 2018 and 2019 and have the "real" Fair experience with her steers. She loved it!! My younger daughter wasn't old enough to officially participate until 2020, so her very first year raising a steer ended with zero shows and a virtual auction. We are beyond grateful for 805 Ag Kids stepping up to do SOMETHING for the kids, during completely unprecedented times. What they were able to pull off during the pandemic in 2020, and then building & improving upon it in 2021 was incredible. But it wasn't the Fair. It wasn't the same. Now that we are coming out of this pandemic, it's time to bring back the Ventura County Fair that we all know and love!

My daughters want to be just like their daddy. He loved raising steers and so do they! Even though we haven't had a Ventura County Fair for two years, the girls truly enjoy caring for these animals. They enjoy the process, they love the club we are in & the people in it, and they want to continue raising steers year after year. Raising a steer for the Fair is a LONG process – typically 11 months (or longer)! My daughters have each already gotten their steers for this coming year, and have begun the process of halter breaking them and feeding them, weighing them, and tracking their progress. They desperately want to take their steers to the REAL Ventura County Fair this summer. If the Fair is moved to a different non-summer date, that would be extremely problematic because A) their steers will not make weight; they will be too old and will weigh too much, and B) the girls will be in school and it will be very difficult to pull

them out of school for a week. My older daughter is in her first year high school and her all honors classes coursework and work load is very challenging. Missing a week of school would be devastating, stressful, and would put her at risk of being unsuccessful! A summer Fair makes sense on so many levels – it is better for the livestock kids, other youth exhibitors & their parents, and it is better for the community members with children attending the Fair! If the Fair does not take place in the summer, it would be very unlikely that my daughters and their animals would even be able to participate.

My daughters want to be just like their daddy. Please allow them to have the experiences that he got to have every summer by bringing livestock to the Ventura County Fair. Allow them the opportunity to learn and grow. Allow them the chance to make wonderful life-long-lasting memories that are unique to spending a full week at the Ventura County Fair in the summer. Allow them to participate in events that are influential and teach impactful life lessons. These children are our future leaders, teachers, businessmen & women, etc. and it is through special experiences, like raising animals for the Ventura County Fair, that builds and shapes them into the men and women that they will become. Don't take that away. Don't make that mistake. **Continue to have a summer Ventura County Fair that includes livestock during the Fair Week.** Allow girls like mine to be just like their daddy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Amber McCalister
Parent
Volunteer
Member of Simoore Grange

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Board Correspondence - Keep fair dates in the summer

From: kiki@cdlyon.com <kiki@cdlyon.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:31 PM
To:

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence - Keep fair dates in the summer

Good Morning,

I'm in favor of **NOT** changing the fair dates out of current summer range.

I grew up in 4-H but I do not have children in 4-H or benefit from the junior livestock auction in anyway. (unbiased concerned citizen). I just know the value that those kids receive from participating in that event; from work-ethic to social skills which leads to their self-worth and confidence. Also, some kids rely on that money to purchase their first car, college funds, future projects, etc.

The junior livestock auction would not receive the attention from the community if it isn't matched with the county fair & would evidentially fail. On the same note, the county fair without the animals there would have noticeable decline in attendance. I know the animals is a highlight to many in the community. Animals aside, the county fair wouldn't get the attendance if it moved outside of summer because of school and work schedules. Parents are not going to take their kids out of school for a "fair day", so majority of the attendance would be strictly after school/work &/or weekends. Fair dates outside of summer would limit the feasibility of attending and desire of attending. I wouldn't want to go when it's cold and crowded.

Please heavily consider your decisions, & power once given is not likely returned.

Thank you,

Kiki Lyon

Vice President

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Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Board Correspondence

Begin forwarded message:

From: caitlinboblett.therapy@gmail.com
Date: October 18, 2021 at 3:25:31 PM PDT
To:

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

VC Fair Board of Directors,

I am writing you today to ask you take deep consideration before moving the dates of the 2022 VC fair. I am an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist in the Ventura County area and have seen first hand the impact raising livestock has on the youth of our community. The act of raising an animal not only increases responsibility and time management skills for our youth but provides an emotional and mental outlet to the many challenges our youth face in transition into adulthood. Having had many friends who raised animals themselves during their middle school and high school years, I can tell you from my own experience how helpful this opportunity was for them. I never had the opportunity to raise an animal myself, but I was blessed with the opportunity to experience this along side my friends and built a community of friends through livestock and agriculture.

As a mental health professional, I have seen how this pandemic has gravely impacted our youth and am hoping this will not add to the list of hurdles they face, as we work to rebuild the future of our youth. Please consider the hardships our youth has already faced over the past year and a half. The pandemic has been detrimental to the mental health of so many and we will continue to see the repercussions for years to come. We must consider the best ways to rebuild at this time and taking away the opportunity for our youth to learn, grow and prosper through agriculture would not be beneficial to that rebuilding process.

I greatly appreciate your time, as I am sure you are receiving an outpour of emails and calls. I wish you the best of luck in your endeavors and hope your hearts will be guided in the best direction for our community.

Best Wishes,
Caitlin Boblett, AMFT 122641
280 E Thousand Oaks Blvd Ste. D
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
(805)991-2923
Pronouns: She, Her, Hers

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Board Correspondence
Attachments: Fair Board Letter from Hailey McCalister.pdf; Fair Board Letter from Chelsea McCalister.pdf

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From: Amber McCalister <ambermccalister@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:06:33 PM
To:

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

Ventura County Fair Board,

Please find attached two letters from Hailey McCalister (age 14) and Chelsea McCalister (age 11) for **Board Correspondence**.

Both girls have been raising steers as part of Simoore Grange for several years, and desperately would like to show their current steers (which they have already purchased) at the Ventura County Fair this summer! We are all hoping you do what is best for our community and our kids - please keep the Fair in the summer, and continue to have livestock remain a part of the annual Fair Week.

Thank you,
Amber McCalister

Dear Ventura County Fair Board,

My name is Hailey McCalister and I have been raising a steer for 5 years. I think that moving the fair dates would be terrible for all livestock. It would also make the fair have less business because many people look forward to seeing the livestock during the fair. Many of the showman would not be able to bring an animal to the fair because they would be in school, and many cannot take a week off of school. It will also be unhelpful for the breeders, many of them have already bred their animals or sold their animals for the fair. By moving the dates many of the animals

would be overweight or too old to compete in the shows. Another thing is that all of kids that raise animals would be sad or even mad because something they have gotten to do for years and look forward to would be something they are unable to do.

I know that for me personally, one of my favorite parts of summer is the fair. Raising animals for the fair also can teach you some important life skills. It can teach you responsibility, public speaking skills, hard-working abilities, and so much more. By moving the dates many kids would not have an opportunity of raising an animal and learning these skills. I seriously hope you consider keeping the dates the same as they have been.

Sincerely,

Hailey McCalister

age 14

Dear ventura county Fair Board,

My name is chelsea Mccalister and I have been raising steers for 3 years. I think that if they move the date of the fair everything would be different and it wouldn't be good for the people with animals. Kids would be in school so they would have to skip a week because of the fair. People also look forward to seeing the animals and they wouldn't be able to. I also really love raising steers so I wouldn't want to miss it. So keeping the dates would make a lot of people happy and it would be very helpful to all the people with livestock and all the people that love seeing all the animals. People enjoy the livestock part of fair because it can give a bunch of kids a good idea to raise an animal. If more kids do animals it will be a great practice of public speaking, bravery, hard working skills, and many other things. When you raise animals you get to fall in love with^{all} the different kinds of animals and you have a great story to tell.

Another reason you should keep the date of the fair is because your animal might be over weight and they won't be able to show there animal. Kids would be sad because raising an animal is fun and exciting. For me I ~~the~~ would love to show my steer in the fair because it would be my first year showing an animal in the fair even though it's my third year raising an animal. If it's there last year raising an animal they will be disappointed because they won't show there last animal. I really hope you don't change the dates it would mean alot to many of us

Sincerely,

Chelsea
McCallister

Age 11

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:26 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Board Correspondence

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From: Riley Wright <rileymarie47@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:24:12 PM
To:

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

Dear Ventura County Fair Board Members,

I have recently been informed of the potential for a removal of the livestock department during the annual VCF. I am in disbelief that this is something that is even being considered at this time. As a previous animal owner and recipient of awards I can't quite express the importance of the continuation of hosting youth and their animal projects at the upcoming fair as well as future fair dates.

These children work hard on their projects for months knowing that this event partakes in their future. Raising animals, showing and selling them at the VCF has not only taught me responsibility and hard work it also paved the way towards my career goals. I would not have been able to afford the college education (Masters) and have the wonderful job that I do now if it weren't for the annual VCF and the wonderful livestock department.

I urge you to first, keep the fair dates the same as usual and most importantly keep the livestock department a part of the regular occurring fair week.

I look forward to seeing a positive outcome for our children in Ventura County

Thank you for your time,
Riley W.

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 7:22 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Board Correspondence
Attachments: VCF Board Member Letter.pdf

Begin forwarded message:

From: kerrie allen <Chefscookin@hotmail.com>
Date: October 15, 2021 at 9:14:37 PM PDT
To:

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

Good Evening VCF Board Members.

I would be grateful if you took the time to read the attached letter from my daughter with her concerns about the 2022 VCF.

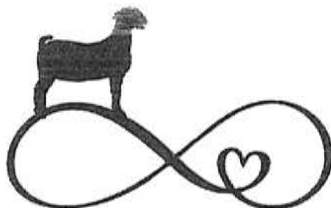
Much appreciated-
Kerrie Allen (Brooke Allen's Mother)
Sespe 4-H Market Goat Project Leader
Calabasas High School Culinary Arts Instructor
Rancho Calabasas Girl Scout Troop 2096 Leader

Dear VCF Board Members,

My name is Brooke Allen. I have been a 4-H member since 5th grade, this is my 8th year and I will be graduating high school. I understand there is talk about possibly changing the dates of the VCF or even separating the livestock show from the fair week. Please understand that changing the fair to later dates does hurt many of the Ventura County youth who's many parents choose school over a fair show, but separating the livestock show from the fair is also a horrible decision. Allow me to tell you how it would affect future youth and myself. Lets start by telling you about how I first learned about livestock shows. It was the experience of going to the fair every year. It was fun and exciting to watch the animals, walk around and talk to the older kids who were there and who was willing to talk to the young kids about their animals. See that is where it started, "mentoring". I am now the teen leader of our clubs market goat program and mentoring other youth members. If you change this we don't get to keep the public education going and is really sad for a community to give up. Please consider not changing what has been a huge part of the Ventura County youth.

Brooke Allen

Sespe 4-H



Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 7:22 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] FAIR DATES!

Begin forwarded message:

From: andrea arroyo <aarroyo12021@gmail.com>
Date: October 15, 2021 at 6:39:31 PM PDT
To: Barbara Quaid <bquaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: [External] FAIR DATES!

Good evening I first like to say in no way is this email meant to be hateful. Hello my name is Andrea I am 14 years old and i have been raising a animal with ventura county fair for 4 years. It has come to my attention that there has been controversy on deciding fair dates. I would like to personally share my opinion with you and that is that I hope that we are able to have a normal Ventura County Fair year I know that with everything going on it is difficult to make a choice but I believe that us exhibitors deserve a answer I can understand why making a decision can be scary especially when there are two sides. I think that with a great game plane we can make this work. I hope that take this email into consideration. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 7:36 AM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Board Correspondence

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tiffany and Brad Cook <btchef@gmail.com>
Date: October 15, 2021 at 2:34:49 PM PDT
To:

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

On behalf of our entire household of 4, a very active 4H and fair family please do NOT move the fair dates or remove livestock from the Ventura County Fair for 2022 or beyond.

Regards,
Brad, Tiffany, Katie and Julia Cook

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 6:24 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: Board Correspondence
Attachments: Board correspondence to Barbara Quaid pdf.pdf

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From: pidduckc@west.net <pidduckc@west.net>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 5:03:37 PM
To: Barbara Quaid <BQuaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

Barbara Quaid,
Please open the attached board correspondence. This issue is important to me.
Best,
Carolyn Pidduck

October 15, 2021

Dear Barbara Quaid,

I was a member of the Ocean View 4-H Club who won a second place ribbon in swine showmanship at the Ventura County Fair in 1962. Participating in the fair was A BIG DEAL for this 11-year-old. My project required me to master record-keeping skills, calculate feed costs, and learn the fine art of showmanship along with friendly John Parma, the owner of the only other pig in the contest. What the project gave back to me was a year of cherished friendship with dear o' "MC" (Merry Christmas) and a unique opportunity to bond with my dad.

And what was the whole culminating point of my 4-H project? **The Fair! The Ventura County Fair!** That was when and where I would show off the fruit of my labor.

I know how important it was to me to participate in the Ventura County Fair. I got to grandstand before family, 4-H club friends, teachers, classmates and town kids who were drawn to the Fair for its own excitement, and who could be persuaded to come visit my pig while they were there. I cannot imagine the County Fair without the energy and sense of pride that ag kids bring to its grounds. I also cannot imagine that the 31st District Agricultural Association would throw roadblocks into our youths' participation by changing the Fair week dates to a non-summer month.

I urge you to reflect on how much our ag kids contribute to the vitality of our County Fair. Your organization has pledged to nurture a sense of diverse community. These kids will become the stewards of that value if you embrace them now.

Don't take ag kids out of the fair. It's not good for the Fair. It's horrible for the kids.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Pidduck
332 Cooper Rd
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
pidduckc@west.net
(805) 204-1240



Carolyn Pidduck—proudly wearing her 4-H hat— and "MC" (Merry Christmas) Dec. 29, 1961

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:18 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: Board Correspondence

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From: jheybl@hotmail.com <jheybl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:16:55 PM
To:

Subject: [External] Board Correspondence

Good Afternoon,

My name is Jill Heybl and I am writing today in support of keeping the Ventura County Fair dates in July/August and to keep the Livestock Department part of the annual fair week.

I have been a member of 4-H and FFA as a child and know of the importance of these groups for so many children. I have also had my own children involved in 4-H and know how important it is for these children to be part of fair and to be able to have these wonderful experiences. This is especially true because these experiences were taken from them for the last two years due to the Covid restrictions. The fact that the Board would even entertain taking away these experiences from our children is so upsetting.

I have also had the privilege of purchasing animals from the fair for my family and as a donation for Food Share. We have seen over the last two years how, without a fair to support the livestock auction, there was a substantial decrease in both sales and in donations to Food Share.

Additionally, I have had the pleasure of attending the Ventura County fair with my 4 children and the highlight is always the animals. In fact, without the animals, it is really not a fair any longer. I implore you to do the right thing and support our community and our children by keeping the Ventura County Fair dates in July/August and to keep the Livestock Department part of the annual fair week.

Thank you, Jill Heybl

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: Fwd: [External] Ventura County Fair 2021

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From: Sue Putman <sue.putman@milgro.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:08:36 PM
To: Barbara Quaid <BQuaid@venturacountyfair.org>
Subject: Fw: [External] Ventura County Fair 2021

Dear Ventura County Fair Board of Directors,

I am writing to respectfully request that the 2021 Ventura County Fair dates not be moved from our traditional July/Aug dates. Moving the dates would not only eliminate many of the visitors/attendees we have during our summer months from out of town - (I personally know people who plan their visits to California during the summer fair dates because of the weather and ability to be there when their kids are out of school - changing dates would eliminate many visitors that could not/would not be able to take their kids out of school for a fair that is held later) but also it would eliminate one of the biggest draws of the fair, which is the Livestock Department and the Ag Kids.

If you have ever worked closely, raised or volunteered with any of these kids involved in these 4-H, FFA, Independent or Grange projects, you will know and must agree that these kids are the cream of the crop and our future leaders hopefully, of Ventura County.

These kids are responsible, respectful, hard working and have learned and are learning many life lessons thru these projects that you will find in very few other sources. They learn what its like to be responsible for a live project - to tend to the animal a minimum of 3 times a day - budget monies to feed the animal - all while making sure this animal

is healthy and continually monitoring the weights to keep within the parameters to be able to sell a healthy and well rounded animal. These kids then must after all this work, find a buyer and then part with this animal which has become a part of this persons life - a part of their families life - this is a project that brings kids together and families together.

If you have been in the Livestock area during the fair - you will have seen kids helping kids, kids volunteering, kids helping adults, kids teaching children about the projects - kids that have been bashful, now speaking in front of buyers -

These kids are incredible - I have volunteered in the Livestock area, raised 2 kids that participated in FFA all 4 years of their high school, and now have a grandson that participates - I have made many, many lifelong friends through the Livestock projects, and being involved in the Livestock area for the week they are there every year.

Please do not isolate these kids to a different time, a time that they will not receive the County's support, the buyers support or their families support because the families will be torn between getting their other kids to school and other sport commitments that happen once school starts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Putman

Everyone is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always.

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:57 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Letter to the Fair
Attachments: caorlynnns peters .docx

From: Carolynn Peters <carolynncpeters@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:46 PM
To:

Subject: [External] Letter to the Fair

Dear VCF Board Members,

My name is Carolynn Peters, and I am 12 years old. In this email, I wrote a letter talking about moving the fair dates, and also a picture of me and my pig from last year. Thank you very much!



Carolynn Peters
12175 Grape Hill Rd
Ojai, CA 93023

Dear VCF Board,

My name is Carolynn Peters and I am 12 years old. I am a member of Bardsdale 4-H club, and a member of the swine project. The reason why changing the fair dates would be a bad idea is because its always the same dates, which has made lots of memories.

Some of those memories are we would take family photos at a nearby photo booths. We even have a picture with me holding a parrot! Another memory is we would always get cinnamon rolls, and dunk them in it's yummy frosting. In between livestock shows we would also go on the rides, play game, and get lots of fried food! Its was always my favorite part of the fair.

I really want the fair to be like that again. Both the live stock shows and the fair itself holds special memories. That is why we should keep the fair dates the way that they always were.

Sincerely yours,

Carolynn Peters

Heidi Ortiz

From: Barbara Quaid
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Heidi Ortiz
Subject: FW: [External] Letter to the VCF board
Attachments: vcf letter.docx

From: Charlotte Peters <charbpeters00@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 2:59 PM
To:

Subject: [External] Letter to the VCF board

Hello there,

My name is Charlotte Peters, and I am a sophomore in high school. Inclosed in this email is a letter to the board of the VCF fair, talking about the possible change in dates. Also in this email is a picture of me with my project from last year. Thank you for your consideration.



Me and last year's project!

Dear VFC Board,

My name is Charlotte Peters, and I am the president of Bardsdale 4-H. I am also a sophomore in high school, and have been doing 4-H and livestock for the past six years. After I heard about possibly moving the fair dates, I immediately knew that I had to speak up. As an exhibitor, breeder, student, and athlete, moving the fair dates would impact every part of the livestock

As an exhibitor, as well as a breeder, I can tell you that for the 2022 fair, it is simply too late to change the dates. Breeding wise, I can tell you that from the moment of insemination, you are planning and tracking the dates so the animal may be at its best during a show. As an exhibitor, I can tell you that as soon as you get the animal, you automatically start counting down the days to know when and how to feed it. By messing with the dates of the fair, you are disrupting those plans we try so hard to make, as well as promising a lower-quality competition.

As a student and an athlete, I promise you that you will see a lack of participation, as well as a drop in attendance. As a high school student, having a fair in September and/or October would not be optimal for students or student athletes. As school begins in the first week of September, and sports start around the same time, it would mean less participants in the livestock shows simply because of school and sports. Because of these disruptions, it would be unwise to hold the fair in September or October. August gives students and student athletes the freedom to be able to participate without the obligation of school or sports.

Finally, I would like to say that even though your intentions might be good, changing the dates would be unnecessary and harmful to the exhibitors and breeders. I humbly ask you to take into these factors, and use them in your final decision.

Sincerely yours,

Charlotte Peters

Hello Mrs. Barbara Quaid,

My name is Alani McKeen, I am 12 years old. I have been raising Swine for the Ventura County Fair for 3 years now. I am hoping I will be raising my fourth Swine Project for the 2022 fair year. I am writing to you because moving the original fair date in the month of August to a later date will make it difficult for myself and others who will be attending school. I wouldn't be able to miss anymore school to show my project at the fair.

I have put in a lot of time and hard work raising my project animals for the Ventura County Fair. I am planning to raise animals until I graduate High School. Please help me make this possible by keeping the fair dates the same for livestock as they have been in the past.

Thank you for reading my letter,

Alani McKeen
Bardsdale 4H

Attn: Board Correspondence

Hello Mrs Barbara Quaid,

My name is Gabriella Bingham and I am from Bardsdale 4-H. I am 13 years old and I have shown market swine for 4 years at the Ventura County Fair. I am writing to you in hopes that you might hear my voice as a local youth and consider when making the decision about fair in 2022, that you would keep the fair and livestock at the same date. I attend a Moorpark Middle school, and if changing the date to before or after the original date, I would not be able to attend due to when my school starts. With school being in session, I would not be excused. I choose to raise animals for 4-H, not only for fun, but to help create a college fund for the future. I really enjoy the fair every year.

It is one of the best times of the year for me, and I have made so many new memories and friends. Thank you for your time and please consider not moving the dates for fair and livestock.

Sincerely, Gabriella Bingham
Bardsdale 4-H

Gabriella Bingham



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

October 1, 2021

F2021-09

TO: All Fairs

SUBJECT: 2021 State Rules Advisory Committee Meeting

Fairs & Expositions (F&E) wishes to invite you to the 2021 State Rules Advisory Committee Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 starting at 10:00 am at the California Department of Food and Agriculture building, located at 2399 Gateway Oaks, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833. Those that cannot attend the meeting in person can participate through Zoom. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss any pertinent state rule change recommendations by the State Rules Advisory Committee for the following year.

Attached is a list of topics that F&E has compiled based on issues that have arisen throughout the year. Please review and have any comments/ideas ready for discussion. If there are any State Rules topics that you would like considered for the agenda, please provide that information to Sofia Goss at sofia.goss@cdfa.ca.gov by close of business on October 11, 2021 for consideration. A notice and agenda will be sent out by email and posted on the F&E website 10 days prior to the October 21st meeting.

Respectfully,

Mike Francesconi
Branch Chief





October 18, 2021

Barbara Quaid, CEO
Ventura County Fair
10 W. Harbor Blvd
Ventura, CA 93001

Dear Barbara,

In an effort to assist our members with their budget preparation each fall, we do preliminary analyses of the General Liability and Workers' Compensation risk pool programs in order to provide estimated fees for the upcoming coverage year. At the October 6, 2021, meeting, the CFSA Board of Directors reviewed the data and staff recommendations directing us to not increase base fees in either program for the 2022 coverage year.

We were so hopeful this time last year that things would get "back to normal" for our fairs in 2021 and as you all know this has not been the case. We are in the same position looking toward 2022 as the end of the impacts of the COVID pandemic remains elusive. The biggest impact on the risk pools over the last two years has been a decline in member payroll. Our Workers' Compensation risk pool revenue is based on member payroll and we experienced a \$1.5 million decrease in fees in 2020 (we passed on our excess insurance saving from the impact of COVID on to our members) and another \$800,000 decrease in 2021. Workers' Compensation claims were down in 2020 as can be expected, however, they are on the climb in 2021.

Yet with so many unknowns remaining, we are following our process from last year by using the fair's estimated 2021 payroll and increasing it by 25% to forecast increased activity and payroll in 2022 for our estimated fees in 2022. We will true these figures up as we do every year once we get the actuary report and actual 2021 payroll figures next spring. This pool will right itself once payroll returns to traditional levels, hopefully, in 2022 or 2023.

Included with this letter you will find the Fee Assessment Worksheet for the General Liability and Workers' Compensation risk pool programs, with your 2022 estimated fees.

Please read your fee worksheets carefully and should you have any questions, please contact CFSA Chief Financial Officer Raechelle Gibbons at 916/263-6143 or rgibbons@cfsa.org.

We thank you for your program participation as we continue on this journey together of protecting the invaluable community services that California fairs provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rebecca', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rebecca Desmond
Executive Director

Fee Assessment
Estimated Fee 2022
General Liability Fee Calculation for Calendar Year 2022

31st DAA, Ventura County Fair

Your Base Fee (2022)	Same for each Fair in your class	133,515.94
Losses	Losses from 2016 - 2020	67,239.32
Capped Losses	Capped Losses from 2016 - 2020	46,800.59
Fees Paid	Fees Paid from 2016 - 2020	670,806.98
2022 Estimated Modification Ratio	Modification Ratio	90%
2022 Estimated Liability Fee	Base Fee x Modification Rate	120,164.34
2021 Liability Fee	For comparison only	133,515.94
2021 Modification Ratio	For comparison only	100%
2022 Auto Fee	Optional Auto Liability Insurance (non-profits)	0.00

PAYMENT PLANS

Any questions please call Raechelle Gibbons at 916-263-6143 or email address: rgibbons@cfssa.org

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Lump-Sum Payment:

2022 Estimated General Liability Fee \$120,164.34

Less payment discount (1% if lump sum payment is received by January 25, 2022) **(\$1,201.64)**

TOTAL LUMP SUM FEE WITH DISCOUNT PAID JAN. 25, 2022 \$118,962.70

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12 Monthly Installment Payments:

2022 Estimated General Liability Fee \$120,164.34

12 MONTH INSTALLMENTS JANUARY-DECEMBER 2022 \$10,013.70

(12 payments are due the 25th of each month beginning January '22 thru December '22)

Fee Assessment
True Up Final - With Correction for W-3 Wages
Workers' Compensation Fee Calculation for Calendar Year 2022

31st DAA, Ventura County Fair

2021 Estimated Medicare Wages	Form W-3 2021 (payroll estimates from members)	615,973.12
2021 Volunteers	Hours x Minimum Wage (new \$15.00 for 2022)	2,505.00
2022 Total Payroll estimated	Wages + Volunteers (estimated by fair + 25% for 2022)	772,471.40
2022 Base Fee	Total Payroll x 6.1%/6.3% Rate	47,120.76
Capped Losses	January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2020	103,859.62
Cumulative Fees Paid	January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2020	900,047.89
Modification Ratio	85% to 170% Per Modification Rate Table	100%
2022 Estimated Modified Fee	Base Fee x Modification Rate	47,120.76
2021 Estimated Payroll	From 2021 Fee Worksheet based on 2021 W-3	486,031.00
Actual vs. Estimated	Actual 2021 Payroll - PY Estimated 2021 Payroll	132,447.12
2021 Fee at 6.1%/6.3%	(Actual - Estimated) x 6.1%/6.3% Rate	8,079.27
2021 Modification Ratio	From 2021 Fee Worksheet	130%
2021 Adjustment to Actual	2021 Estimated versus 2021 Actual	10,503.06
2022 Total Estimated Fee	Modified Fee + or - 2021 Adjustment	57,623.81
2021 Fee	Comparison To Last Year's Fee	38,542.26

PAYMENT PLANS

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email address: rgibbons@cfsa.org

☐ **1 Lump-Sum Payment:**

2022 Estimated Workers' Compensation Fee	\$57,623.81
Less payment discount (1% if lump sum payment is received by January 25, 2022)	(\$576.24)
TOTAL LUMP SUM FEE WITH DISCOUNT PAID JAN.25, 2022	\$57,047.57

☐ **2 12 Monthly Installment Payment Plan:**

2022 Estimated Workers' Compensation Fee	\$57,623.81
12 MONTH INSTALLMENTS JANUARY-DECEMBER 2022	\$4,801.98

(6 installments Jan-June 2022 at Estimated Fees & 6 installments July-Dec 2022 at True Up Fees)

Rental Agreements Non-Fair

CONTRACT NO.	CONTRACTOR NAME	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	DATE
21-049	Driving Dynamics	Driving Training	\$2,390	10/7-10/8
21-050	Hot Line Construction Inc.	Leadership Training	\$2,090	10/18/2021
21-051	Latino Business Expo	Business Expo	\$3,000.00	10/28/2021
21-052	National Scholastic Surfing Association	Surf Event	\$1,250.00	10/30 - 10/31
21-053	CA Assoc. Directors of Activities, Area D	Student Leadership Conference	\$3,109.00	11/17/2021
21-054	FJS Productions	Great Junk Hunt	\$6,614.00	12/3 - 12/4
21-055	Camacho Quinceanera	Birthday Party	\$2,625.00	11/13/2021
21-056	Players' Poker Club, Inc.	Operations of Card Games on 2nd Floor of the Derby Club	\$10,000/mo.	11/1/2021 - 10/31/2023 with two - 2 year options
21-057	Valdivia Marketing Group	Rodeo	\$16,536.00	11/14/2021