

April 27, 2015

Mayor Ashley Swearengin
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Mayor Swearengin:

As leaders in the most productive agricultural region in the nation, we are writing to express our support for the City's grant application to the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program. It is our understanding that funding from this grant will assist City staff in convening the local agricultural community, city and county elected leaders, property owners and other stakeholders to discuss the development of a Farmland Preservation Program for the City of Fresno.

We understand that Policies RC-9-a, b and c of the City's recently adopted General Plan are intended to balance the goals of preserving agricultural land and allowing urban development in an orderly fashion.

We look forward to participating in the creation of a program that accomplishes these goals.

Sincerely,



Nat DiBudio
President & CEO
Allied Grape Growers



Alexander J. Ott
Executive Director
California Apple Commission and California Blueberry Commission



Richard Matoian
Executive Director
American Pistachio Growers