



Re: DPR EJAC

Dear Deputy Director Pazos,

On behalf of the 50-plus organizations that make up Safe Ag Safe Schools (SASS) in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, I submit this public comment letter regarding DPR's Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC).

As SASS was a sponsor of AB 652, our members are pleased that the EJAC process is moving forward, but frustrated by the slow pace. We certainly hope the first EJAC meeting will take place before the Thanksgiving holiday period.

As the law calls for 7-11 EJAC members, SASS calls for 11. California is a big state, and we want our farmworker communities represented on the EJAC to the fullest amount.

Finally, our parent organization, Californians for Pesticide Reform, has submitted a list of nominees to the EJAC, which we wholeheartedly support: Erika Alfaro, Horacio Amezcuita, Martha Dina Argüello, Robert Chacanaca, Angel Garcia, Bianca Lopez, Emily Marquez, Lupe Martinez, Sarait Martinez, John Mataka, Rocio Ortiz, Mechelle Perea-Ryan, and Victor Torres. These are outstanding candidates, all community leaders with years of experience with central pesticide issues. We urge you to select the EJAC from this list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yanelly Martinez".

Yanelly Martinez
SASS and Central Coast Organizer
Californians for Pesticide Reform