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October 27, 1999

Agenda: November 9, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

NINTH ANNUAL COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOOD DRIVE

Dear Members of the Board:

During the past eight years the County has supported the Second Harvest Food Bank Holiday Food Drive which distributes millions of pounds of donated food to food pantries and individuals throughout the County. Again, we request that your Board endorse this year's effort and encourage County employees to participate. This is a collaborative effort among employee groups including SEIU Local 415, the Mid-Management Association and Executive Management to support the Second Harvest Food Bank Holiday Food Drive.

The Second Harvest Food Bank is a private, non-profit charitable organization which regularly distributes food to one hundred and twenty charitable organizations. Over 36,000 people a month receive food from the Food Bank. The holiday food drive will provide holiday meals for several thousand people in our community.

The proposed dates for this year's holiday food drive are November 15 through December 10, 1999. Last year, County employees collected 27,475 pounds worth of food which earned County Employees the highest award - the Platinum Award. This year's goal is 28,000 pounds which equals about 12.2 pounds per employee donation, if we were to have 100% participation. We will distribute the attached flyer to all County employees to encourage their participation. As a way of focusing on the community food needs and celebrating the success of our combined efforts, Second Harvest Food Bank is sponsoring "Fill the Bus Day". On December 10, 1999, the County Government Center, as well as ten other locations will be transfer points where all the collected food will be loaded on to food bank vehicles.

NINTH ANNUAL COUNTY EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Representatives of the Second Harvest Food Bank will be at your meeting on November 9 to present your Board with an award acknowledging the success of last year's food drive and to request your Board to renew your support of employee participation.

With your Board's continued support, I am confident that the County can meet our goal for the Ninth Annual County Food Drive.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Consider the presentation of the representatives from the Second Harvest Food Bank;
2. Approve the County's participation in the Food Bank Holiday Food Drive and the goal of 28,000 pounds of nonperishable foods at County facilities for 1999, and encourage County department heads and employees to actively participate in this effort; and
3. Establish November 15 through December 10, 1999 as the period for contributions at County facilities.

Very truly yours,



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County Administrative Officer

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Attachment

- cc: Each Department Head
 SEIU Local 415
 Mid-Management Association
 Second Harvest Food Bank