



May 12, 2022

Dear Napa County Grower and/or Winery,

You will soon receive an assessment ballot pertaining to re-authorization of County Service Area No. 4 (CSA #4), the collected funds of which are used to provide supplemental funding for the three farmworker housing centers known as the Calistoga Center, Mondavi Center, and the River Ranch Center. The ballot will ask you to endorse or reject the extension of this assessment for an additional five (5) year period. Pursuant to current state law, the new assessment still may not exceed \$15 per planted vineyard acre in any one year. The proposed assessment for fiscal year 2022/2023 is \$12 per planted acre.

The Napa Valley Grapegrowers, the Napa County Farm Bureau, the Napa Valley Vintners, and Winegrowers of Napa County **urge you to vote yes** on reauthorizing the grower assessment supporting Napa's farmworker housing centers so that Napa County can continue to provide safe, quality housing facilities for local farmworkers. The centers remain at virtually full capacity throughout the year, and have waiting lists during peak season.

Napa Valley can be proud of the foresight and commitment demonstrated by its vineyard owners in enacting CSA 4, which provides for the only assessment of its kind in the country. Because of commitments like this, Napa is a model for agricultural responsibility and a leader in social sustainability.

These centers provide safe, local housing for farmworkers – ensuring that members of this vital workforce are appropriately provided with housing when needed. The quality of Napa County vineyards depends on having this skilled workforce at the ready.

Please be on the lookout for your ballot to be mailed the week of May 23rd from the County, and please vote yes on the re-authorization of CSA #4.

Sincerely,

Michael Silacci, President
Napa Valley Grapegrowers

Jack Bittner, Chair
Napa Valley Vintners

Peter Nissen, President
Napa County Farm Bureau

Carolyn Wasem, President
Winegrowers of Napa County