

To whom it may concern:

I am the current Mayor of the City of Farmersville, however the opinions expressed in this letter are not conveyed to you in my official capacity but rather through the love that I have for my community.

I am writing in support of priority 1 funding of the Farmersville DAC Water Energy Savings Initiative. Most of Farmersville's residents earn a living by working in the fields. They can be classified as the "working poor." Census data indicates 84% of Farmersville residents and 90% of our public school students are of Latino or Hispanic descent. The median household income in Farmersville is \$32,384, well below the statewide average of \$61,094. Farmersville's population has high rates of poverty (33%) and unemployment (19%) made worse by the prolonged drought. Ninety percent of Farmersville Unified School District students qualify for the Free or Reduced Priced Meal Program because of their families' disadvantaged income status.

Because we are a disadvantaged community, we depend on grants to provide funding for important programs like water conservation. Project 1 of our initiative will not only make it possible to comply with state law requiring cities to have water meters in place by 2025, but comes with a bilingual education component to educate our residents on the importance of conserving water in these crucial times and an incentive program to assist residents in installing low flow plumbing devices. Project 2 will put our city government in a position to lead by example and reduce water use by the city at two of our largest public buildings.

I ask for your support in funding the Farmersville DAC Water Energy Savings Initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Gomez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregorio Gomez  
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Farmersville, CA