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President Judy Arnold and the Marin County Board of Supervisors  
Marin Civic Center  
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Re: Addressing Marin County Farm Bureau's unresolved  
Local Coastal Program Amendment issues

Dear President Arnold and Honorable Supervisors,

The Marin County Farm Bureau has retained my legal services in order that we may jointly clarify for you some of the LCPA issues that have thus far remained unresolved, and to provide you with a fresh legal perspective supporting the Farm Bureau's positions on those issues.

That perspective will pertain to draft policies and Development Code sections that have either not been addressed by the Board during the public hearing process, or that have not yet been resolved to the satisfaction of the Farm Bureau's membership. As it may include some issues that remain outstanding following your upcoming 1/15/13 hearing, our intention is to provide you with a submission for your 2/26/13 or 3/12/13 hearing, whichever will be the most appropriate.

The Farm Bureau realizes that its list of issues has been long and comprehensive and that your Board has sought to address those that it has considered the most important. Given that agriculture is the predominant land use in Marin County's Coastal Zone, that the amended LCP will likely have a "shelf life" of at least a couple more decades, and the fact that many of the zoning regulations adopted in the LCP may eventually be applied to Marin's Inland Rural Corridor as mandated by the Countywide Plan, the Farm Bureau believes that its selected number of unresolved issues merits your close consideration. My intention will be to provide you with a concise discussion of those issues having the greatest legal implications.

I thank you in advance for your future consideration.

Yours very truly,  
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