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EVENT DATE

SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025  
DOWNTOWN, DENAIR

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September 17, 2024

Denair Community Services District Board of Directors

Dear Board Members,

As many of you know, this past Saturday marked the 14th annual Denair Farm & Family Festival, and it was an incredible success! The day was filled with food, unique treasures, and fun activities for the whole family. We kicked things off at 9 a.m. with our Tractor Parade, followed by a full day of shopping, dining, and exploring over 100 years of local farming history. The positive feedback we received throughout the event was truly heartwarming.

The Denair Farm & Family Association, which organizes this annual festival, aims to bring our community together for a celebration of our area's rich farming and agricultural heritage. The funds raised from the event go toward scholarships for graduating seniors at Denair High School and Denair Charter School. Over the past 14 years, we are proud to have awarded more than \$25,000 in scholarships to deserving students from our community.

We couldn't have achieved this success without the tremendous support of the community. From generous sponsorship donations and volunteers offering their time, to local businesses providing materials and equipment, the festival has thrived for 14 years thanks to these invaluable partnerships.

Our late founder, Dennis Findley, believed in the power of community to enrich not just our town, but the surrounding areas as well. His vision lives on, and we are committed to ensuring that the festival continues to flourish for years to come.

Looking ahead, we have aspirations to expand the festival into a two-day event—one that attracts visitors from beyond our local area and further stimulates the economy of our charming town. This could provide even greater opportunities for local businesses to thrive.

To make this vision a reality, we need everyone's support—particularly the cooperation of the Denair Community Services District. Over the years, we've had the privilege of working alongside the District to make this festival a success, and they have consistently been a valued partner. Historically, the District has allowed us to use the Community Center and its tables and chairs, and this has always been covered under our event insurance. In 14 years, we've never had any damages related to the festival.

However, recent changes in management have resulted in new policies. We've been informed that we can no longer use the tables and chairs as we have in the past. These items are crucial to providing seating for those eating, resting, and for our elderly attendees. Not having access to these items has increased costs, taking away funds that could otherwise be directed toward scholarships for our students.

Additionally, we've been asked to provide a \$500 deposit for the use of the facility. In the festival's early years, we did provide a deposit, but after seeing the festival's success and its benefit to the community, the District began waiving this fee in favor of a sponsorship donation. We hope to continue this tradition of collaboration and mutual support.

The Festival Committee respectfully asks the Services District Board to view the festival as a partnership with the community, much as past management did. This is not a private or for-profit event—it's a celebration that showcases our town and brings us together. We hope to work with the Board to continue growing this partnership, benefiting not only the festival but the entire community.

We greatly appreciate any guidance or support the District Board can provide as we look toward the future and explore ways to collaborate in making our festival even more impactful.

Sincerely,

James Shehan  
Denair Farm & Family Association Chairman