



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution to support Napa Valley Latino Waste Workers

WHEREAS, over two dozen Latino workers at Upper Valley Disposal Service /Clover Flat Landfill in Napa County (associated with Pestoni Family Winery) have filed California, state and federal complaints claiming unreasonable exposure to fires, smoke and significant contamination without adequate protective equipment or training, as well as other workplace concerns including discrimination and civil rights violations; and,

WHEREAS, through Upper Valley Disposal Service/Clover Flat Landfill has entered into a new ownership structure, much of the same problematic management is still in place, many of the old and unacceptable practices towards Latino workers have not changed, and accountability has not been taken for long term impacts and inequities, particularly toward Latino members of Upper Valley Disposal Service/Clover Flat Landfill workforce; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Justice have commenced investigations regarding violations of environmental laws and breached governmental contracts; and,

WHEREAS, PFAS (forever chemicals) from the Clover Flat Landfill threaten Napa Valley's water resources that ultimately flow into the San Francisco Bay; and,

WHEREAS, the Clover Flat Landfill in Napa Valley threatens the health and safety of not only the Latino community but all communities in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that LULAC supports the Napa Valley Latino waste workers.

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