

Name of Supporter/ Vendor

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter in support of the Kamm Avenue Processing Plant (KAPP) project. It is operated by a well trusted family-owned company who has been reliable, honest, and forthcoming with their business operations. The pistachio industry in California has continued to be a growing and lucrative business for Valley growers, increasing the need for local processing facilities. KAPP will help satisfy this need.

Without the completion of this plant, local growers will be forced to use processing plants that are further away, increasing transit time and cost, and placing a greater burden on the Valley's farmers.

In addition to fulfilling processing needs, the KAPP project will also bring jobs to West Fresno County, a diverse set of communities in need of economic opportunity. Once fully operational, the plant will provide 60 full-time jobs and will add 60 more seasonal jobs during harvest processing. This addition is expected to facilitate small business growth in near-by communities.

While COVID-19 has shown great instability in the market, it has also shown the importance of community, agriculture, and the food industry to Fresno County. Limiting KAPP's operations would place additional stress on growers and those who seek to be employed by the plant in the surrounding area.

Sincerely,