

## Email

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## Comments:

I would like to address item 8. C. on the agenda for the June 18th meeting:

It has come to my attention that due to the loss of county fair this year there is an assumption that Extension Services will be reduced. As such, there is a proposal to cut the Extension Services budget by 30%.

As a parent volunteer for the past nine years, I can tell you that Extension Services are continuous year-round and are not solely based on the county fair. The 4-H program has not stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, there are 66 kids enrolled in the Corralitos 4-H club alone. These kids are learning to be resilient and resourceful during uncertain times. They are still participating in their projects and raising their livestock even though they will have to show virtually this year. If anything I feel this program is even more important right now to support these kids through social distancing. This program gives them purpose, responsibility, and keeps them motivated to reach their goals.

As a mother, I can tell you about my daughter who absolutely loves the 4-H program. Over the years she has held the positions of secretary, treasurer, and president for her club, county council, and horse council. She has learned to take and present minutes, present a treasurer's report, prepare a meeting agenda, and run a meeting. She has participated in the sewing project, shooting sports, raises and shows lambs and shows her horse. She has participated in numerous community service projects. She maintains a 4.10 GPA taking honors and AP classes at Cibola High School. She swims and plays water polo for her high school and on a year-round club team. She has played water polo in the junior Olympics. These are the types of kids coming out of this program. These kids learn responsibility, life skills, and participate in community service. This is the type of program you should want to support and promote!

I ask that you please take a few moments of your time to read the statistics of kids who participate in 4-H. This link has information on a 10-year study done by Tufts University on the effectiveness of this program.

<https://4-h.org/about/research/>

4-H because kids don't remember their best day of watching T.V.

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