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June 30, 2023

My name is Adrena Longoria and I have been chosen as this year's Santa Maria Fairpark Foundation Scholarship Animal Project recipient. On behalf of the Fairpark Foundation, I would like to invite you to this year's Santa Barbara County Fair Large Livestock Auction which will be held on **Saturday, July 15, 2023**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Santa Maria Fairpark. **My pig, Buddy, will be auctioned right after the champions on Saturday.** The money raised by my pig during the auction will support the Foundation's efforts to improve the fairgrounds and support local youth, like me, with scholarships and educational opportunities. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

My last four years have been spent contributing very heavily to my hometown, Santa Maria, and my FFA chapter, Righetti FFA. Over that time, I have been to many competitions and was on a State Champion Poultry Team and traveled to Indianapolis to compete at the National Competition. I was the Righetti FFA chapter's Secretary this year. I was also the South Coast Regional Treasurer for the 2022-2023 year. This year, alongside Buddy, I am also raising a turkey for our county fair named Cash.

I have been raising pigs for 3 years and turkeys for 2 years. During that time, I won Novice Champion Showmanship for my pig. Outside of my FFA involvement, this year I ran as a Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Queen Candidate representing United Way of Northern Santa Barbara County. The funds raised from my campaign went towards the Righetti FFA program. This June, I graduated from Righetti High School and was given the opportunity to speak at my graduation ceremony. I was accepted to California State University, Fresno and will be enrolled to study Agricultural Business with a minor in plant science in the fall.

It is the youth programs such as FFA, 4-H, and grange that inspire the future generations to be involved in agriculture and teaches of its importance. By supporting me and the Santa Maria Fairpark Foundation, you are helping to cultivate the future of agriculture.

Thank you so much for your consideration and time. It is truly appreciated. I hope to see you at the auction on Saturday, July 15th. If you have any questions regarding my project, please email me at <a href="mailto:a.longoria805@gmail.com">a.longoria805@gmail.com</a>

Sincerely, Adrena Longoria