

Civil Action No. 00-2445 (JR)


EXHIBIT 2

Supplemental Declaration of Manuel and Alicia Alvarez

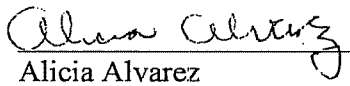
We, Manuel and Alicia Alvarez, hereby state and declare the following:

1. I, Manuel Alvarez, am over the age of 18, Hispanic, and a permanent resident of the United States. My date of birth is July 15, 1953. My mailing address is 25 Monument Avenue Freedom, California 95019. My wife is Alicia Alvarez.
2. I, Alicia Alvarez, am over the age of 18, Hispanic, and a United States citizen. My date of birth is May 2, 1952. My mailing address is 25 Monument Avenue, Freedom, California 95019. My husband is Manuel Alvarez.
3. We both have been farmers our entire lives. We have cultivated strawberries and various vegetables in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.
4. After our crop had suffered severe damage from harsh weather, in August 1995 we applied for non-credit disaster crop benefits at the Farmer Service Agency ("FSA") of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA").
5. We had to wait approximately one year before the FSA would disperse our non-credit disaster crop payments. This unreasonable delay caused us to suffer severe financial hardships and miss an entire planting season.
6. We observed that the FSA gave various other local Anglo farmers their non-credit disaster crop payments in a timely manner. For this reason, we believed that the FSA discriminated against us because we are Hispanic farmers.
7. The California Latino Agricultural Association (CLAA) submitted both written complaints and complained directly to several FSA and governmental officials regarding FSA discriminatory treatment in not dispersing our non-credit disaster relief payments for a year.
8. To this day the USDA Office of Civil Rights has taken no action to investigate our discrimination complaints.

We have reviewed the foregoing Declaration, consisting of eight (8) numbered paragraphs, and we declare, under penalty of perjury, that it is true and correct to the best of our personal knowledge.


Manuel Alvarez

10-22-06
Date


Alicia Alvarez

10-22-06
Date

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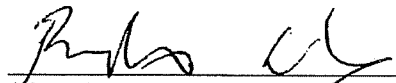
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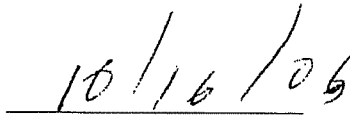
Supplemental Declaration of Ricardo Arevalo

I, Ricardo Arevalo, hereby state and declare the following:

1. I am over 18 years of age, Hispanic, and a U.S. permanent resident. My date of birth is November 27, 1945. My mailing address is 228 Tapadero Street, Salinas, California 93906.
2. I am a second-generation farmer and have been a farmer all of my life. I began farming in Mexico and then moved to the United States, where I have continued to farm.
3. The floods of 1995 destroyed my land. The floods left my land covered with debris of all sorts. Additionally, the floods destroyed my entire sprinkler system. I went to the Farm Service Agency ("FSA") office in Salinas, California in search of non-credit disaster relief assistance.
4. The FSA employee immediately denied me any type of non-credit disaster relief assistance. In denying any type of non-credit disaster relief assistance, I believe that the FSA discriminated against me because I am Hispanic.
5. After FSA refused to provide me with any type of non-credit disaster relief assistance, I complained to the FSA about being discriminated against. To this day, the Office of Civil rights has taken no action to resolve my complaints.

I have reviewed the foregoing Declaration, consisting of five (5) numbered paragraphs, and declare, under penalty of perjury that it is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge.


Ricardo Arevalo


Date

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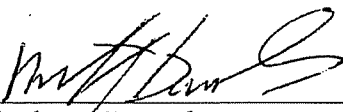
EXHIBIT 4

Supplemental Declaration of Rigoberto Banuelos

I, Rigoberto Banuelos, hereby state and declare the following:

1. I am over 18 years of age, Hispanic, and a United States Citizen. My date of birth is December 22, 1948. My mailing address is 6412 S. Walnut Ave. Fresno, California 93706.
2. I have been farming for approximately the past 17 years. Today I currently grow grapes to make raisins.
3. In approximately 1997 extremely hot weather destroyed much of my grape crop. The Fresno Farm Service Agency ("FSA") of the United States Department of Agriculture announced that non-credit disaster relief payments would be available for farmers whose crops were destroyed by the disaster.
4. I applied at the FSA to receive non-credit disaster relief payments. While I was qualified to receive \$17, 000, the FSA was only willing to give me half of what I was qualified to receive.
5. I observed that other similarly-situated Anglo farmers received the total amounts that they were qualified to receive. I complained to the FSA about being discriminated against because of my Hispanic ethnicity.
6. To this day, the Office of Civil Rights has not investigated my complaint.

I have reviewed the foregoing declaration, consisting of six (6) numbered paragraphs, and declare, under penalty of perjury that it is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge.



Rigoberto Banuelos

10-20-06
Date

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EXHIBIT 5

Supplemental Declaration of José and Flora Chaidez

We, José Chaidez and Flora Chaidez, hereby state and declare the following:

1. We are both over 18 years of age. José Chaidez's date of birth is February 15, 1942. Flora Chaidez's date of birth is October 26, 1951. We are each permanent residents of the United States. Our mailing address is 6326 North Sheridan Road, Clovis, CA 93619.
2. We both grew up on farms. We have been farming all of our lives. We began farming together in 1977. We grew tomatoes, onions, green beans, gykon, eggplants, grapes and squash. Our farm is 6 acres and was last used in October of 2001.
3. We first attempted to apply for non-credit disaster relief from the Farmers Home Administration "FmHA" of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") in 1991. That year we were farming 20 acres of grapes and a severe drought destroyed 100% of our harvest. The FmHA denied our application for non-credit disaster relief.
4. In 2000, we lost all of our crops due to heavy rains that caused severe flooding. We applied and were denied non-credit disaster relief assistance.
5. We believe that the FmHA/FSA discriminated against us because we are Hispanic.
6. After FmHA/FSA denied our non-credit benefit relief applications, we complained to the FmHA/FSA about being discriminated against. To this day, the Office of Civil rights has taken no action to resolve our complaints.

We have reviewed the foregoing Declaration, consisting of six (6) numbered paragraphs, and declare under penalty that it is true and correct to the best of our personal knowledge.

José Chaidez
José Chaidez

10.23.06
Date

Flora Chaidez
Flora Chaidez

10.23.06
Date

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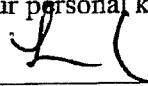
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Supplemental Declaration of Larry Chavarria and Robert Chavarria

We, Larry Chavarria and Robert Chavarria, hereby state and declare the following:

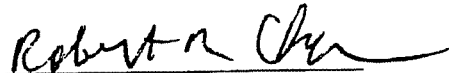
1. We are both over 18 years of age, United States citizens and Hispanic farmers. Larry Chavarria's date of birth is August 9, 1954. Robert Chavarria's date of birth is November 12, 1951. Our mailing address is 36 Canterbury Drive Lemoore, California 93245.
2. Our family began cultivating our 640 acre farm in 1944. We farmed together as a general partnership, Chavarria Farming Co., from 1987 until 2000. We grew wheat, cotton, cantaloupes and milo.
3. In 1999 the King County Farm Service Agency ("FSA") of the United States Department of Agriculture's ("USDA") froze our Product Flexibility Contract ("PFC") payment/Agricultural Market Transition Act ("AMTA") payment.
4. We believe that the FSA withheld these non-credit benefit payments because we are of Hispanic ethnicity and for years the FSA has engaged in the practice of discriminating against local Hispanic farmers.
5. After the FSA office notified us of its decision to withhold these benefits for which we were previously qualified, we both complained to the FSA employees about this discriminatory treatment and submitted a written discrimination complaint to the USDA Office of Civil Rights ("OCR") in Washington, DC.
6. To date the OCR has taken no action to resolve or even investigate our discrimination complaint.
7. As a result of FSA's continual discriminatory treatment towards us, sadly, we had to eventually quit farming. We were forced to sell our farm that had been in our family for over fifty years.
8. If fairly treated by USDA, we would promptly return to farming as there is local farm land in the area readily available for leasing. In light of the current thriving almond market, we anxiously await this promising opportunity to return to farming and plant almond trees.

We have reviewed the foregoing Declaration, consisting of eight (8) numbered paragraphs, and declare, under penalty of perjury that it is true and correct to the best of our personal knowledge.



Larry Chavarria

10/20/06
Date



Robert Chavarria

10/20/06
Date

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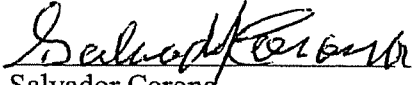
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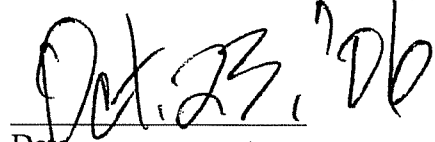
Supplemental Declaration of Salvador and Abelina Corona

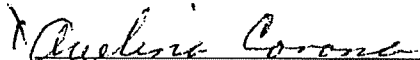
We, Salvador and Abelina Corona, hereby state and declare the following:

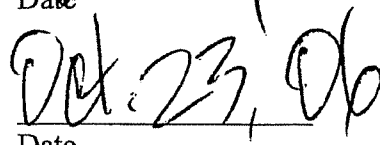
1. I, Salvador Corona, am over the age of 18, Hispanic, and a permanent resident of the United States. My date of birth is May 30, 1929. My mailing address is 58 Johnson Road Watsonville, CA 95076.
2. I, Abelina Corona, am over the age of 18, Hispanic, and a United States Citizen. My date of birth is July 5, 1938. My mailing address is 58 Johnson Road Watsonville, CA 95076.
3. We both have been farming for our entire lives. We began our own five-acre farm 30-35 years ago. Strawberries and raspberries were our main crop. We also planted corn, beans, peas, and garbanzo beans between the rows of raspberries.
4. In approximately 1990, 1991, and 1993 our crop experienced extremely harsh weather conditions such as freezing, a drought, and severe flooding. During each of these years approximately 70% of our crops were destroyed.
5. Each of these years, in an attempt to recover from the resulting financial devastation, we applied for non-credit disaster relief assistance at the Farmer Home Administration office (FmHA) of the of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) office in Salinas, California.
6. On these three occasions, we never received any non-credit disaster relief benefits. We do not understand why we were denied benefits when many similarly situated Anglo farmers received non-credit disaster relief benefits from the FmHA.
7. We felt that the FmHA discriminated against us because we are Hispanic farmers. The California Latino Agricultural Association (CLAA) submitted both written complaints and complained to several FmHA and governmental officials regarding FmHA's discriminatory treatment in denying our non-credit disaster relief assistance applications.
8. To this day the USDA Office of Civil Rights has taken no action to investigate our civil rights complaints.

We have reviewed the foregoing Declaration, consisting of eight (8) numbered paragraphs, and we declare, under penalty of perjury, that it is true and correct to the best of our personal knowledge.


Salvador Corona


Date


Abelina Corona


Date

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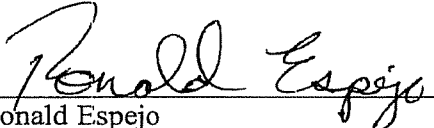
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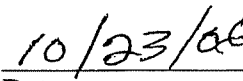
Supplemental Declaration of Ronald Espejo

I, Ronald Espejo hereby state and declare the following:

1. I am over eighteen years of age, a U.S. citizen, and a Hispanic American. My date of birth is May 22, 1949. My mailing address is 52 N. F Street, Porterville, California, 93257.
2. I am a second-generation farmer with over twenty (20) years of farming experience. I was raised on a farm and studied Agribusiness in college.
3. In mid-November 1986, we were plagued with unusually cold weather. As a result of the ensuing frost, my cotton crop failed to mature and my crop yield was severely reduced. I applied for the Farmers Home Administration ("FmHA") of the United States Department of Agriculture's ("USDA") non-credit crop disaster benefits program in the efforts to recuperate my losses. The FmHA denied my non-credit crop disaster benefits application.
4. I noticed that the FmHA approved the non-credit benefits applications of other similarly-situated Anglo farmers. I am convinced that I was qualified for and should have received the Farmers FmHA non-credit crop disaster benefits payment for which I applied. I believe that the USDA discriminated against me because I am of Hispanic ethnicity.
5. After the FmHA denied my non-credit crop disaster benefits, I complained to the FmHA about their discriminatory treatment towards me.
6. Almost twenty years has now passed and the Office of Civil Rights has yet to investigate my civil rights complaint.

I have reviewed the foregoing Declaration, consisting of six (6) numbered paragraphs, and declare, under penalty of perjury that it is true and correct and to the best of my personal knowledge.


Ronald Espejo


Date

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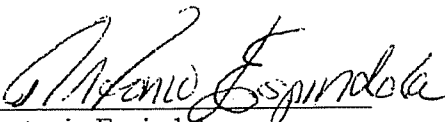
EXHIBIT 9

Declaration of Antonio Espindola

I, Antonio Espindola, hereby state and declare the following:

1. I am over 18 years of age, Hispanic, and a permanent U.S. resident. My date of birth is April 26, 1967. My mailing address is 41650 Road 68, Dinuba, California 93618.
2. I have farmed since my early childhood. I owned a farm for approximately 10 years where I grew blackberries, squash, peas, and string beans on approximately twelve to fourteen acres of land.
3. In 1995 excessive rains killed 100% of my raspberry crop. On June 12, 1995 I submitted an application for non-credit disaster relief at the Salinas FSA Office in Santa Cruz County.
4. FSA refused to provide me with any type of non-credit disaster relief assistance. I complained to the FSA about being discriminated against because of my Hispanic ethnicity.
5. To this day, my complaint remains unresolved.

I have reviewed the foregoing Declaration, consisting of five (5) numbered paragraphs, and declare, under penalty of perjury that it is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge.


Antonio Espindola

10-18-06
Date

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EXHIBIT 10


Supplemental Declaration of José Manuel Espindola

I, José Manuel Espindola, hereby state and declare the following:

1. I am over 18 years of age, Hispanic, and a U.S. citizen. My date of birth is November 11, 1965. My mailing address is 991 Clearview Ave. Hollister, California 95023.
2. I am a third generation farmer and have over 30 years of farming experience. I first learned the art of farming while working on my father's farm as a child. I have continued to develop my farming skills through hands-on experience on various other farmers' farms.
3. After severe weather damaged my crops in 1995, I applied for non-credit disaster relief benefits at the Salinas County Farm Service Agency ("FSA") of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). The FSA later informed me that I did not qualify for this relief. However, I believe that I did qualify. I know of other Anglo farmers who suffered similar amounts of crop loss who successfully qualified for USDA disaster assistance.
4. In 1998, FSA gave me about \$1,000 in non-credit crop disaster benefits after heavy rains destroyed my raspberry crop. However, I should have qualified to receive approximately \$10,000. Other Anglo farmers who experienced similar damage in the area around my acres received aid of about \$8,000-\$10,000.
5. In 2001, I applied to the USDA for disaster relief after heavy rains damaged 20 acres of my green bean crop.
6. The FSA sent me a letter informing me that I failed to qualify because of the strawberry boycott. This reason was preposterous because I was not involved in producing strawberries.
7. In the last decade, I feel that my success as a farmer has been stifled severally because of the FSA's unwritten, policy to discriminate against Hispanic farmers.
8. The California Latino Agricultural Association ("CLAA") submitted both written complaints and complained directly to several FSA and governmental officials regarding FSA discriminatory treatment in not providing me the non-credit disaster relief payments for which I qualified.

9. To this day the USDA Office of Civil Rights has taken no action to investigate my discrimination complaints.

I have reviewed the foregoing Declaration, consisting of nine (9) numbered paragraphs, and declare, under penalty of perjury that it is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge.


José Manuel Espindola

10-20-06
Date