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The Honorable Vito Chiesa
Chairman, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6500
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Dear Chairman Chiesa,

At the December 10, 2012 and May 13, 2013 meetings of the Stanislaus County Agricultural Advisory Board, the topic of developing a walnut ordinance to combat walnut thefts was discussed. It was noted that the Agricultural Commissioner's Office receives a number of complaints each year regarding walnut thefts. At the May 13, 2013 meeting, the Agricultural Commissioner shared the results of a recently conducted survey of growers regarding walnut thefts. The survey results indicate that theft is pervasive and that most growers believe this issue needs to be addressed in some fashion.

The Agricultural Advisory Board seeks guidance as to whether this is a topic for which you and your colleagues would like the Agricultural Advisory Board to study and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Orvis
Chairman
Stanislaus County Agricultural Advisory Board

cc: Monica Nino, CEO