

To: Files, GVPAC Ag Discussions
From: Bonnie taken off footage shot for documentary on multi-generational farmers in the Goleta Valley (May, 2010) Lane Family since 1869
Date: Feb. 8, 2011
Re: John & Ruth Lane Comments re Urban Farming

Time Code: **Dialog:**

JOHN LANE

05:32;11-

With people trying to plan to save agriculture here, we're about 40 years too late, maybe 50 years too late, we should have been planning back then to save all the beautiful soil in the center of the valley. Here we're just too late, it's just a nice place to live."

Economically we're just on the edge all the time; I think it's going to be very tough after me. We can't make enough money to support more than one family. It's just too hard o deal with a small situation.

All we own is this 4 acres here at home. And I don't know, maybe one day we'll have to do something else with it. What we hope is we can keep this property, especially after dad's gone.

They've switched the zoning on us a couple of times and we never even had a clue what they did. We had commercial zoning out in the front, same as the gas station, and all of a sudden that was gone. And right now we're 10 units to the acre or something like that, right here. Hope they don't take that away from us because that's an option for us to survive some day.

RUTH LANE

03:07;15-

This is what we love doing and a long as we still can make a living doing this, this is what we would like to do. Unfortunately it gets harder and harder... all of our growing expenses, the land costs for rental, water, just dealing with a farm in a neighborhood where there are houses next to you continues to get harder and harder for us so it's really nice that the community is here backing us up as this is what we'd like to do. If we can't make ends meet doing our operation the way we do now then we might need to move on. I'm not sure what that would mean as this is what we love doing.

05:25;02

How healthy and active John and I can stay if we are still able to hang on to what we do here.

07:39;20

When business at our produce stand is not good, it's not good for Lane Farms. Our main livelihood is our original produce stand here on Walnut Avenue.