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Dear 4-H Families,

I'm pleased to announce that the fourteenth 4-H club in Monterey County has just received its Charter from the University of California Agricultural and Natural Resources. The Hilltown 4-H club has officially opened and will hold its club meetings on the first Monday of the month in the Salinas area.

Through the Leaders Council committee known as the Expansion and Review, both adult and youth leadership were found to open a club to serve the impacted Salinas area. Families who have been on "wait lists" in the 3 Salinas area clubs were contacted with an invitation to join this new club during the fall.

Enthusiastic members stepped forward to initiate the many steps to begin a club charter and have already built the membership from the ground up with a series of planning meetings that took place with developing bylaws, projects, meeting dates and a club name – to mention a few. As of now, Hilltown has twenty members and offers 19 projects.

Hilltown leadership includes: Travis Violini, Club President; Alyssa Hurtado, Vice President; Sarah Mikkelsen, Treasurer; and Alex Burgess as Club Secretary. Supporting Officers include Allison Austen, Reporter/Historian; Richard DeNoyer, Sergeant at Arms; and Holden Evers as Healthy Living Officer. Mrs. Rhonda Hurtado will be appointed as the Community Club Leader.

The 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H YDP) must ensure that its policies and procedures open doors and create opportunities for all youth. Affirmative action/nondiscrimination requires special effort on the part of 4-H YDP staff, expansion and review committees, adult volunteers and youth participants to achieve this goal. Making the 4-H program available to all children is an important goal we are trying to achieve through our offices, the volunteers and the Leader's Council.

Enrollment remains open and will be taken on a first-come-first-serve basis. (The maximum enrollment number will be 45 members for the first year.)

Please join me in celebrating the growth in our 4-H community! There are more possibilities in the 4-H program – please call me if you would like to discuss.

Sincerely,
Lorin Hofmann-Lurz, Monterey County 4-H Program Representative