



STATE AGENCY SPENDS **\$10 MILLION** TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO SUPPRESS FARMWORKER **VOTES**



After abandoning farmworkers for almost 20 years and losing 90% of its members, the **United Farm Workers (UFW)** union returned to take 3% of workers' wages without giving them a choice.^{1,2}

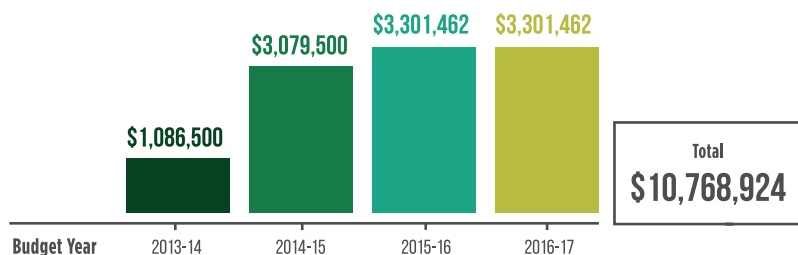


Workers fought back and earned the right to an election, but the union objected.³



Now, the **Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB)**, the state agency created to give farmworkers a voice, which supervised the election in the first place, won't count their votes.¹

\$10.7 MILLION TAXPAYER DOLLARS BUDGETED TO ENSURE THE DESTRUCTION OF FARMWORKER BALLOTS⁴



WHAT THE ALRB COULD HAVE DONE WITH THE \$10 MILLION IT SPENT TO SUPPRESS FARMWORKERS' VOTES



Constructed more than 100 new homes.⁵



Purchased 2,000 house lots.^{6,7}



Purchased 238 houses.^{8,9}



Paid one year of rent for more than 1,600 farmworkers.^{10,11}

INSTEAD, THE AGENCY SPENDS \$4,000 PER VOTE TO SUPPRESS FARMWORKER CHOICE

$$\frac{\$10,768,924}{2,600 \text{ BALLOTS}} = \$4,141 \text{ PER VOTE}$$

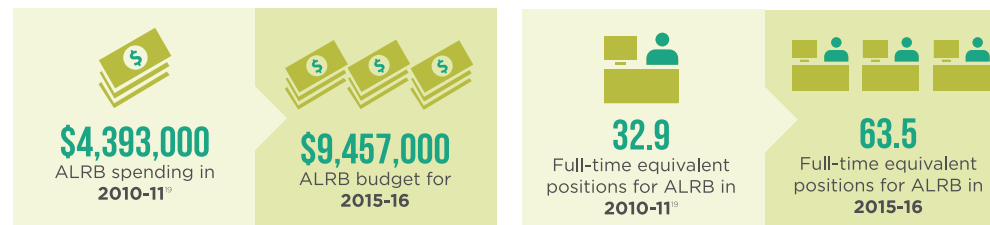
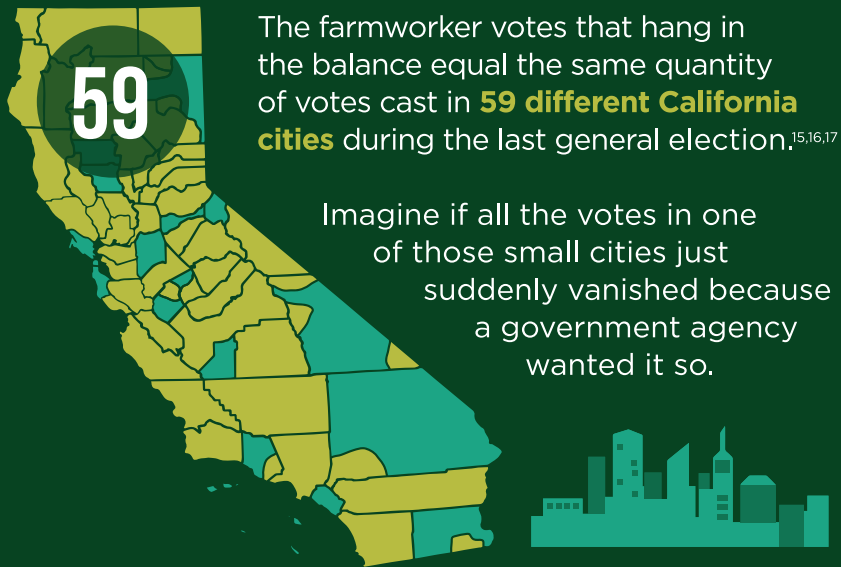
Statewide elections cost taxpayers about ^{12,13,14}

\$5.30 PER VOTER

VS

Destroying farmworker ballots costs taxpayers

\$4,000 PER VOTER



THE ALRB HAS ALMOST DOUBLED STAFF AND BUDGET, EVEN THOUGH THE AGENCY'S CHAIRMAN WILLIAM GOULD ADMITS:



“...union organizing has diminished to the point of non-existence! Indeed during these past two years while I have been Chairman there has not been one single representation petition filed under a statute which requires certification through a petition in order for a union to be recognized!²⁰”

This infographic was compiled by **GERAWAN FARMING** using facts referenced in the footnotes.

NEARLY **HALF** OF THE ALRB'S BUDGET IS DEVOTED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF GERAWAN FARMWORKER BALLOTS¹⁸

38% of the ALRB's budget



THE ALRB'S BUDGET HAS NEARLY **DOUBLED** SINCE 2012, THE YEAR UFW RETURNED AFTER A 20 YEAR ABSENCE FROM GERAWAN¹⁹



Since 2011, the ALRB's budget has grown by

90%

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