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To whom it may concern at San Jose Spotlight,

United Farm Worker President Teresa Romero asked us to submit the following in response to a story today in San Jose Spotlight.

"The United Farm Worker's experience with Kansen Chu has been as a true ally of the UFW and our mostly Latino membership. The assertion by Kansen Chu's opponents that he discriminates against Latinos is completely different than Kansen Chu's actions. Kansen Chu voted multiple times to overturn a racist Jim Crow era law that prevented farm workers from receiving equal treatment under the Fair Labor Standards Act. When others in the California legislature showed fear in overturning that racist law, Kansen Chu marched with farm workers to confront our opponents. When COVID-19 struck California, without the UFW soliciting anyone, Kansen Chu asked the United Farm Workers where he could send 5,000 face masks for farm workers who place themselves at risk of infection each day by performing essential jobs in the fields. United Farm Workers founder Cesar Chavez once said '*Talk is cheap...It is the way we organize and use our lives every day that tells what we believe in.*' Kansen Chu's unpublicized act of generosity organizing masks for farm workers and his willingness to confront racism head on even among his legislative colleagues of the same political party speak loudly about his belief that all people should be treated equally in our fight against racism."

Teresa Romero, President, United Farm Workers

see full story below:

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