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Re: Proposition 37: Mandatory Labeling of GMO Foods

Dear Council President Wesson,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council has voted to recommend that the City Council of Los Angeles support passage of Proposition 37, which would require mandatory labeling of some genetically-engineered foods sold in California.

Consumers have a basic right to know what is in their food and how it is produced. It is important that this process be transparent not only for potential health reasons but also as consumers may not wish to support a product or an industry that they consider possibly injurious to the environment.

The Board feels that labeling need not present an undue hardship on the food industry and growers, as most food already requires labeling. Adding a simple GMO mention should not be difficult or costly. Indeed, many countries already require labeling.

It is our hope that detailed labeling will encourage consumers to make healthy, informed food choices.

Sincerely,

Doug Fitzsimmons  
President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

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