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Type of NC Board Action: Letter of support

Impact Information

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Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 13-1374

Agenda Date: 10/21/2014

Item Number: No. 9

We, the Board of the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council, representing more than 200,000 Angelenos, hereby support a GMO-Free LA. We urge the Los Angeles City Council to pass the GMO-Free LA motion proposed by Council members O'Farrell and Koretz, because it will protect what our stakeholders cherish: their homes, schools, and community gardens. If it were passed the motion would create a zone that would protect homegrown seeds from contamination by genetically-modified ones. We believe that this will be immensely beneficial to the long-term economic development of Los Angeles. Not only will local food producers be able to promote "GMO-Free" products, but it will be a giant step forward in Los Angeles' ongoing attempt to cement its international reputation as a city committed to pursuing a better quality of life for its populace and visitors. Moreover, as the measures outlined in the motion do not impact the cost of purchased or prepared food we see little to no economic drawbacks to this proposal.

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Additional Information:

The WCKNC met on the 8th of September 2014 to discuss and take action regarding Council File: 13-1374 - Council members O'Farrell and Koretz's motion that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance which would prohibit the growth of genetically modified (GM) crops within City limits.

Motion to support Councilmembers O'Farrell and Koretz's request to the City Attorney that an ordinance be passed prohibiting the growth of genetically modified seeds within city limits. Support by Aura Vasquez Vice-President, and seconded by Vahe G Treasurer.
Result: Yes (15) No (0) Abstain (0) Absent (0) Pass (With unanimous approval)

Sincerely,

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council