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November 25, 2014

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Members of Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 13-1374 Prohibit the Growth of Genetically Modified (GM) Crops within City Limits

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

We, the Harmony Keepers support a GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles. As an indigenous organization, we believe in protecting mother earth to ensure that the children grow up to be healthy. We urge you to support the items below:

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This initiative joins and supports the growing national and international movement to limit the spread of GMOs. The Harmony Keepers humbly request that all of you approve the motion introduced by Councilmembers Koretz and O'Farrell, and seconded by Councilmember Bonin.

Please create a GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles!

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We appreciate your support and positive energy.

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Hector Perez Pacheco, Speaker Harmony Keepers "Strong Hearts"





Dec. 5, 2014

Mayor Eric Garcetti City Council President Herb Wesson Chairman Felipe Fuentes Chairman Jose Huizar Chairman Mitch O'Farrell

Re: Endorsement of LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, and Chairman O'Farrell:

On behalf of MOMS Advocating Sustainability, an active member of the Californians for GE Food Labeling Coalition, I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

We urge you to make every effort to support and pass this measure. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Debbie Friedman Co-Founder and Steering Committee Co-Chair MOMS Advocating Sustainability www.momsadvocatingsustainability.org



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Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell and Honorable Councilmembers:

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We greatly appreciate that the City Council unanimously voted to support Prop. 37 in October 2012, and unanimously voted to support SB 1381 (Evans) to label GMOs, which was under consideration this Spring in the State Senate.

Nature's Path was on the steering committee for Proposition 37 to label GMOs (genetically modified organisms), which was on CA ballot in November 2012. We were outspent by more than 4:1 by corporations opposing our right to know what is in our food, and lost by only a small margin. We continue to fight for the right to eat GMO-free food. We succeeded tremendously in educating millions of Californians - and Americans - about this issue. Nearly 6 million Californians voted for Mandatory labeling those voices cannot be ignored. More and more people in L.A. are committing to eating healthier, non-GMO diets.

As you probably know, Proposition 37 PASSED in Los Angeles County. One key way that you, our elected officials can respond to the wishes of the City's citizenry is to pass this GMO Free Zone motion. It will help protect Angelenos' rights to grow healthy, non-GMO food throughout the City of L.A. by helping keep local home-grown and community garden-grown crops free of windborne pollen from GMO plants and seeds.

Your help is needed to come to the aid of Angelenos, since political forces at the State and Federal levels have blocked efforts on GMO issues.

Los Angeles is a national trendsetter. We believe Prop. 37 in November 2012 was pivotal to exponentially increasing GMO awareness nationwide. We inspired 95 state GMO labeling bills in 28 states in 2013. The demand for GMO-free food and organics has skyrocketed as well. Yes, there are currently GMO-free zones in counties in CA and Oregon, and the town of Arcata, CA is also a GMO-free zone. But an L.A. GMO-free zone will REALLY be big. It will spark this movement around the country.

The same way people across the nation watched and were widely inspired by the Prop. 37 campaign, they will be watching Los Angeles on the GMO-Free Zone legislation. You have a wonderful opportunity to take the lead now on this issue.

We all thank you in advance for your support to make Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone.

Sincerely,

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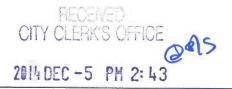
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Iridology Bio-Kinesiology Nutritional Counseling Herbology Water Consultant Date: December 1, 2014

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On behalf, Dr. Donna Miller including our office staff and clients in the City of Los Angeles, I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

We feel there is no reason to fool with Mother Nature. Our office sees more clients with allergies they did not have when they were younger. Yes, please stick to Mother Nature!

We urge you to make every effort to support and pass this measure. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Donna Miller, PhD, CNHP

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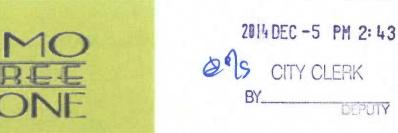
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Yours in Good Health,

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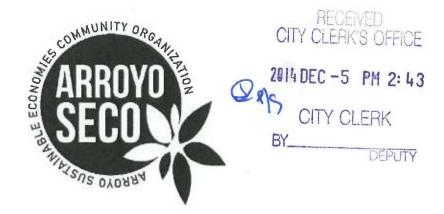


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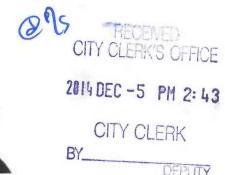
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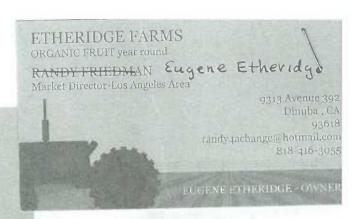
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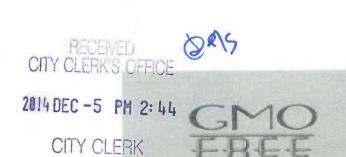
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