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September 29, 2014

Councilman Mitch O'Farrell
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012



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

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell,

Thank you so much for introducing this important motion.

We at CRSP proudly support the motion.

The precautionary principle continues to be the best guideline for our City moving forward on reversing the potentially most devastating effects of GMOs.

A GMO free zone in LA can protect:

- GMO threatened gardens: home, community, school
- GMO threatened heirloom seeds
- Human and animal health
- Bee and monarch butterfly populations

Creating a GMO free L.A. also sends a message to the world that we are with you—with the dozens of countries and cities which have already banned or required labelling of GMO seeds and foods. This could help our tourist industry, as well, and send a message to restaurants throughout the City to advertise that they are GMO free establishments!

Thanks for remaining in the forefront of environmental leadership in our city.

Sincerely,

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Ian McIlvaine
President
Board of Directors
CRSP

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