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Dear Councilmember Englander:

RE: Support for GMO-Free Los Angeles

As your constituent and a local business owner, I am writing to ask for your support 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. A GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles will protect home gardens, school gardens, community gardens and homegrown food. It will create an area of 502+ square miles (the City footprint) where it is safe to save heirloom vegetable seeds without threat of contamination from genetically-modified plant and seeds.

A GMO-Free L.A. would encourage more economic development in urban agriculture in L.A. Local growers and food producers could promote their products as non-GMO. With widespread consumer demand for non-GMO foods, this could create local jobs, result in more local produce, and boost the local tax base.

Creating a GMO-Free Zone will have no impact on the cost of purchased food. It will not affect the prices of conventional food, prepared food, or food grown outside the L.A. area. A GMO-Free Zone will protect homegrown food, and will boost LA residents' ability to be self-sufficient.

Having the choice to avoid genetically engineered food is important to Los Angeles residents and your support of this motion would be a strong statement of support for the values of your constituents. Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this important issue.

Thank you,

Robert Goldberg
President