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To: Mayor Eric Garcetti
 City Council President Herb Wesson
 Chairman Felipe Fuentes
 Chairman Jose Huizar
 Chairman Mitch O'Farrell
 Los Angeles City Hall
 220 North Spring St.
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Dear Councilmember Gil Cedillo:

The Latino Diabetes Association (LDA) supports a GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles!

1. The LDA has joined local, national, and international concerned supporters for banning untested and harmful GMO products in order to help ensure the safety and health of our food; and we strongly urge you to join this fight to protect our entire food supply at its molecular seed level to stop the profiteering of *Frankenfoods* at the expense of the entire human, animal, and plant populations.
2. The long-term impacts of genetic engineering on human health are virtually untested, and there is *no transparency* of scientific findings. Recent studies in Europe are finding that genetically modified foods may be seriously detrimental to human health.
3. 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 genetic modification.
4. 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 make it easier for citizens to save seeds – *for free*. It will boost people's ability to be self-sufficient.

This initiative joins and supports the growing national and international movement to limit the spread of GMOs. Please approve this motion introduced by Councilmembers Koretz and O'Farrell, and seconded by Councilmember Bonin. Please help our community create a GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles!

Sincerely,

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Mission Statement

Committed to delivering culturally relevant diabetes prevention and self-management education.

Vision Statement

To reduce and prevent diabetes by addressing health disparities through a culturally sensitive grassroots approach.

Core Values

Through credible, persuasive, and timely information coupled with education and emotional support, a person may successfully modify their life style to prevent the onset of diabetes or manage the impact of this disease.

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

On behalf of Leslie Laneuville I wish to express our organization's support of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374. This would make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

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