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October 21, 2014

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**

Councilmember:

Frente Indígena de Organizaciones Binacionales (FIOB) supports a GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles!

1. 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.
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 L.A. will protect vegetable varieties with cultural heritage, or heirloom/historic varieties (for example Native American corn). This initiative helps prevent contamination by genetic modification.
4. This initiative stands the potential to have significant long-term impact on food security, because this initiative helps protect the diversity of vegetable plants. And that diversity is desperately needed for humanity's survival in a climate-changed future.

This initiative joins and supports the growing national and international movement to limit the spread of GMOs.

Please approve the motion introduced by Councilmembers Koretz and O'Farrell, and seconded by Councilmember Bonin. Please create a GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles!

Sincerely,

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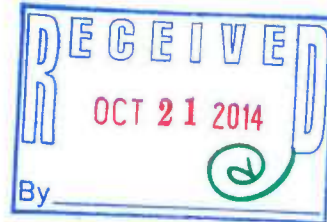
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Danza Mexica Cuauhtémoc supports a GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles!

As indigenous people of America we take a political stance against the risk genetically modified organisms (GMOs), particularly genetically modified (GM) corn, pose to the existence of our staple food "Corn" which is essential to our diet and an intricate part of our identity and culture.

Today, more than 90% of the corn grown in the US is genetically modified. Genetically modified corn has high levels of herbicide (glyphosate) residue, produces a toxin called BT in every single cell, is nutrient depleted and contaminates non-GMO corn thru cross pollination. It has been scientifically proven that GMOs are a potential risk to our health and the environment.

Therefore, we need to protect our organic home grown food from genetic contamination in order to provide our communities with a source of non GMO corn not found in our local markets.

This initiative joins and supports the growing national and international movement to limit the spreads of GMO's. Please approve the 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.

It is our responsibility to protect the integrity of seeds for all future generations!

Sincerely,

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