

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE relative to prohibiting the growth of genetically modified (GM) crops within City limits.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Koretz - O'Farrell - Bonin):

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance which would prohibit the growth of GM crops within City limits, with said ordinance to prohibit the following practices:

- a. The planting of GM seeds.
- b. The sale of GM seeds by vendors.
- c. The sale of any seeds that could potentially be contaminated by other genetically modified organisms.
- d. The sale of GM fruit trees and plants.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For: Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

(Energy and Environment and Planning and Land Use Management Committees waived consideration of this matter)

SUMMARY:

At a special meeting held on October 20, 2014, the Chair of your Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee considered Motion (Koretz - O'Farrell - Bonin) relative to requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance which would prohibit the growth of genetically modified crops within City limits.

At the request of the Committee Chair, the maker of the Motion provided an overview of the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair approved the recommendations in the Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER MITCH O'FARRELL, CHAIR
ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING, AND RIVER COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

O'FARRELL: YES

LABONGE: ABSENT

BUSCAINO: ABSENT

CEDILLO: ABSENT

PRICE: ABSENT

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