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Brief Summary: At the November 5, 2014 Governing Board meeting, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) passed a motion (unanimous, 20 votes in favor) recommending SUPPORT for Council File 14-1378 – Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones – Ordinance.

Additional Information: The SLNC would like to recommend that the City Council support this motion in the interest of providing incentives for growing and providing healthier food, further benefiting communities and the local environment through urban agriculture and increased green space, and creating innovative strategies for landowners to save on property taxes while also potentially transforming blighted or underused areas into vital & vibrant community resources.

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November 6, 2014

Los Angeles City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012
RE: Council File 14-1378

Dear City Council:

At the November 5, 2014 Governing Board meeting, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) passed a motion (unanimous, 20 votes in favor) recommending SUPPORT for Council File 14-1378 – Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones – Ordinance.

This motion is related to the local implementation of statewide California law AB 551, that was signed by Governor Jerry Brown in September 2013 (and became statewide law in January 2014), which aims to cultivate urban agriculture by allowing municipalities to lower the property taxes on land of less than three acres, provided the owner dedicates the space to growing food for at least five years. This motion was moved by Councilmen Fuentes & Price and seconded by Councilman Huizar on October 8, 2014, and has since been referred to the Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee.

The SLNC would like to recommend that the City Council support this motion in the interest of providing incentives for growing and providing healthier food, further benefiting communities and the local environment through urban agriculture and increased green space, and creating innovative strategies for landowners to save on property taxes while also potentially transforming blighted or underused areas into vital & vibrant community resources.

Sincerely yours,

Amy Clarke
Co-chair, SLNC
On behalf of the Silver Lake
Neighborhood Council

Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
Co-chair, SLNC
On behalf of the Silver Lake
Neighborhood Council

*I certify that this statement represents
the official position of the Silver Lake
Neighborhood Council.*

Teresa Sitz, Board Secretary
On behalf of the
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

CC:

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