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Bring Back South Central Farm - Council File Number 16-1411-S1

2 messages

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Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 9:02 PM

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Please grant the appeal of the South Central Farmers and deny

the FEIR for 4051 S. Alameda, the PIMA project - Case No. AA-2012-919-PMLA CEQA No. ENV-2012-920-EIR

Dear Chair Huizar and Members Cedillo, Harris-Dawson, Price and Englander:

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(See Dr. Tom Williams' report, sent to your committee on 2-16-2017.)

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(See Dr. Tom Williams' report, sent to your committee on 2-16-17.)

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In areas where open space values determine the character of the community, development should occur with special consideration of these characteristics." A methodology to protect the parcel in question could be to use Quimby funds to acquire it, or negotiate with a land trust entity. As an undeveloped 13 acre parcel, it is a significant remaining open space. The character of the community was undeniably expressed when the South Central Farm operated between 1992 and 2006 and should be re-established, per this policy.

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A community farm/food hub may not be considered "conventional" yet this policy directs the City to not exclude it from consideration if it would address stated deficiencies.

In conclusion, please grant the appeal by the South Central Farmers and deny the FEIR for the PIMA Project.

Thank you,
Los Angeles, CA, 90066

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South Central Farm at PLUM

2 messages

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Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 9:35 PM

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To Whom It May Concern

In the ten years since the brutal eviction of the South Central Farmers, many have chosen to continue the mission of bringing organic produce to underserved areas of Los Angeles while also successfully resisting multiple efforts to develop the former land for industrial use in the hopes of one day seeing the land returned to urban farming and related activities. Currently, the South Central Farms sells organic produce at 10 Farmers Markets throughout Los Angeles as well as drop-off CSA boxes in over 15 locations and are the urban pioneers of the farm to table movement we see today.

A new clothing conglomerate, PIMA, has now received approval for their final environmental impact report (FEIR) from the LA City Planning Department. The plans include building four clothing factories and warehouses on the land. While PIMA's "Made in LA" project has merit, there are many other locations that would serve their purposes without occupying one of the last large open spaces in Los Angeles, and the formerly largest urban garden in the entire nation.

The South Central Farmers have filed an appeal of this decision which will go before the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM Committee) on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 2:30 in Room 350 at LA City Hall, 200 North Main St., LA, 90012. I am requesting that the Planning and Land Use Management Committee delay this hearing. Specifically, I want to reference the **Council File Number 16-1411-S1**.

My name is Miguel Paredes and I am a Board Member with the ACLU of Southern California, a Director of Community Organizing in South Los Angeles, the Executive Producer and creator of Soul Rebel Radio on KPFK, and I was previously employed by the LAUSD Community Outreach Department to develop 6 new schools in South Central Los Angeles.

It was an honor to participate in the SCF and see the farm grow into a fundamental autonomous space in Los Angeles along the Alameda corridor. The SCF is a symbol of hope and resistance to anyone that cares about environmental racism, health disparities, community spaces, and access to quality food. The farmers turned an empty lot into an urban oasis and this created a positive example in a historically underserved community of Los Angeles.

The SCF is a critical space in south-central Los Angeles that can help foster black and brown unity, create environmental justice, and provide a safe space for families to learn how to grow their own food and survive off the land. As indigenous people, we believe that we belong to the land and in this manner, the south-central farm belongs to the community.

I urge the city of Los Angeles to approve the use of the land for the re-creation of the south-central farm and not for any type of development project. The SCF is absolutely necessary in South LA and the working class people of that community deserve a place like this for underrepresented and disenfranchised families. Please help the South Central Farm to grow and flourish again and provide hope for many people who otherwise may turn to violence, vices, and crime. The South Central Farm deserves our support.

Thank you

Miguel Paredes

Los Angeles, CA

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Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 9:08 AM

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Comment regarding the South Central Farm

2 messages

Rachel Bruhnke <sojournerb@yahoo.com>

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Dear fellow Angelinos-

Your task at hand is a VERY important one for the future of Los Angeles, and for this whole country. I have been following the farm since 2005, and now "urban farming" myself since 2007. We need DOZENS of South Central Farms! What an amazing opportunity to right such a terrible injustice that has been done over the past 10 years!

Please, give government a GOOD NAME and support the Farmers, and ALL of us Angelinos who are working for a more Sustainable LA!

Your votes will either be epic, or small. You decide your legacy as individuals and as a council.

Best wishes

Rachel Bruhnke

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RE: Council File Number 16-1411-S1

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'Emma' via Clerk-PLUM-Committee <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 7:15 PM

Reply-To: Emma <emmatree02@yahoo.com>

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Hello! I am writing to ask that you show support for the restoration of the South Central Farm.

It is extremely important for this land to be re-instated to the community as there are so many possibilities for this land.

Some possibilities are a food hub, garden space, recreation area, cultural center or even an environmental justice museum.

The benefits would include sustainable job creation, improved public health and nutrition, community benefits, lowered rates of violence, climate change mitigation, biodiversity, culturally appropriate food and an example of environmental justice.

Thank you for your time and it is the right moment to return this land to the community.

My name is Emma, Mar Vista 90066.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

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The South Central Farm Restoration

3 messages

Marla Bernstein <marlaismom@gmail.com>

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The Green Party of Los Angeles County

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South Central Farm

1 message

Leigh Adams <leighlaughing@icloud.com>

Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 8:02 PM

To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

Plum Committee, I am writing to urge you to support the return of the South Central Farm to the people who love it and to whom it provides food, community and sanity. In an area of town that lacks many of the amenities of the rest of our city, the Farm is essential to the well-being of our people of all ages and all walks of life.

I work on Skid Row and in South LA. The disparities are unconscionable, please let these people have a place to grow food, health and confidence.

I can not be at the hearing because I'll be working at the LA County Arboretum, teaching children from many schools how to conserve water, grow healthy food and care for our planet. Let those folks in South Central have the same opportunities that are available to so many other people. Please do it!

Thank you, Leigh Adams, 91001

The world "needs a new economic paradigm that recognizes the parity between the three pillars of sustainable development. Social, economic, and environmental well-being are indivisible. Together, they define gross global happiness."

- United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

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