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We live in a current political climate where we need spaces that are community oriented, focused on our own sustainability as a city and not dependent on cheap imports and low wage jobs.

This property has the potential to be something Los Angeles can be proud of and not ashamed that it valued the large corporate interests and a myth of good jobs over investment in a community food system that brings meaningful work, community growth and good food for families.

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Sharon Dickinson

Mar 7, 2017 9:30 AM

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Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 8:46 AM

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