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Re: Endorsement for LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

On behalf of M. Snyder, I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Business/Organization/Group HAAS & Co.

Website HAASANDCOMPANY.COM

Contact Person Michael Snyder

Telephone Number (323) 356-6127

E-mail MSNYDER242@AOL.COM

Address & Zip Code 136 N. Larchmont Blvd.

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Re: Endorsement for LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

On behalf of Larchmont Juicery, I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Business/Organization/Group Larchmont Juicery / Twirl

Website _____

Contact Person Alexia Sitton

Telephone Number 530.721.7099

E-mail alexiasitton@gmail.com

Address & Zip Code ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 121 Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA

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On behalf of CAFE GRATITUDE LARCHMONT, I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Business/Organization/Group CAFE GRATITUDE LARCHMONT

Website CAFEGRATITUDELA.COM

Contact Person BEN CARROW

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E-mail BEN@CAFEGRATITUDELA.COM

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Re: Endorsement for Los Angeles GMO-free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell, and Honorable Councilmembers:

MoveOn Los Angeles represents local members of MoveOn, a community of more than eight million Americans from all walks of life who use innovative technology to lead, participate in, and win campaigns for progressive change. The MoveOn family of organizations is not-for-profit, and funded by small dollar donations from our members – no corporate contributions, no big checks from CEOs.

I am writing to express our members' desire to endorse the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds. And that this ban should be expanded to cover all GMO products.

MoveOn is an inclusive organization, attracting a wide variety of people but one thing we have in common is that we care. We care deeply and we act to make our world a better place. A place and keep it a democracy.

In a democracy, everyone has the right to make choices. So long as companies keep the content of the foods we eat secret, we cannot make choices. So long as they keep selling GMO modified seeds and plants in our stores without identifying them as such, we cannot make choices. And even if we can avoid purchasing them ourselves, so long as they are sold in our city, it is far too easy for them to contaminate our own plants and gardens.

We greatly appreciate that the City Council unanimously voted to support Prop. 37 in October 2012, and unanimously voted to support SB 1381 (Evans) to label GMOs, which was under consideration this spring in the California Senate. Which, unfortunately, was not passed.

Making Los Angeles a GMO-free Zone will protect those of us, the 52% of LA County voters who voted for Prop 37 and others who choose not to eat genetically modified foods. And for those who wish to eat these products, they should have voted for GMO labeling when they had the chance.

MoveOn Los Angeles urges each and every of you to support and pass this measure. Let the City of Los Angeles take the initiative on protecting its people from GMOs and inspire cities around the country to follow in its footsteps.

Thank you!

Sincerely,



Liz Amsden
Council Coordinator
MoveOn Los Angeles



October 9, 2014

To: Mayor Eric Garcetti
City Council President Herb Wesson
Chairman Felipe Fuentes
Chairman Jose Huizar
Chairman Mitch O'Farrell

Re: Endorsement of LA GMO Free Zone Motion – File #13-1374

Dear Mayor, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell, and Honorable Council members:

I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

We urge you to make every effort to support and pass this measure. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Institute for Responsible Technology

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Laurie Cohen Peters

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**PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS
OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS**

21801 Saddle Peak Road
PO Box 644
Topanga, CA 90290

October 8, 2014

Mayor Eric Garcetti
City Council President Herb Wesson
Chairman Felipe Fuentes
Chairman Jose Huizar
Chairman Mitch O'Farrell

Re: Endorsement of LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell, and Honorable Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Progressive Democrats of the Santa Monica Mountains, I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

This measure serves economic justice and the broad public interest. We urge you to make every effort to support and pass this measure. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dorothy Reik
President
Progressive Democrats of the Santa Monica Mountains

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Slow Food

CALIFORNIA

October 6, 2014

Mayor and Members of Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street Room 450
Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: Council File 13-1374
Motion to Prohibit Growth of GM Crops within City Limits

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

Slow Food California supports the motion presented by Councilmembers Paul Koretz (5th District) and Mitch O'Farrell (13th District) and seconded by Mike Bonin (11th District) to prohibit growth of genetically modified (GM) crops within City Limits.

Slow Food is the largest grassroots, membership based food justice organization in the world active in some 150 countries. Slow Food California represents some 35 chapters throughout the state, including Los Angeles, affiliated with Slow Food USA and Slow Food International founded in Italy 25 years ago by Carlo Petrini. Much of our membership is urban, although it includes large and small farmers throughout the state. Our urban chapters, including in Southern California, actively support all forms of urban agriculture from front yards and parking strips, to community gardens, rooftop gardens, and schoolyards.

Slow Food International and Slow Food USA supported California's Proposition 37, which, as the motion before you reflects, was supported by a majority of Los Angeles voters. Slow Food has since supported similar initiatives and legislation across the country. There is a growing consensus that GM crops are responsible for contamination of organic and other conventional crops, that they are responsible for the spread of glyphosate-resistant "superweeds" and BT-resistant "super bugs," and that we do not know enough about long term impacts on human and soil health, although peer-reviewed studies have raised serious concerns in both arenas.

A GM free Los Angeles would put your important City in good company with at least twenty-six countries that have totally or partially banned cultivation of GM crops. Los Angeles would be joining the California counties of Marin, Mendocino, Trinity, and Santa Cruz, the City of Arcata, and the Oregon counties of Jackson and Josephine,

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which have also enacted moratoria on the sale and growing of GMOs in county (or city) limits.

Slow Food California supports Council File 13-1374, the Motion to Prohibit Growth of GM Crops within City Limits.

Thank you for your consideration and for taking this important step,

Charity Kenyon

Charity Kenyon, Chair
Slow Food Policy Committee

#13-1374

October 6, 2014

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Hon. Tom La Bonge

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Re: Erewhon's Endorsement of LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell, and Councilmember La Bonge:

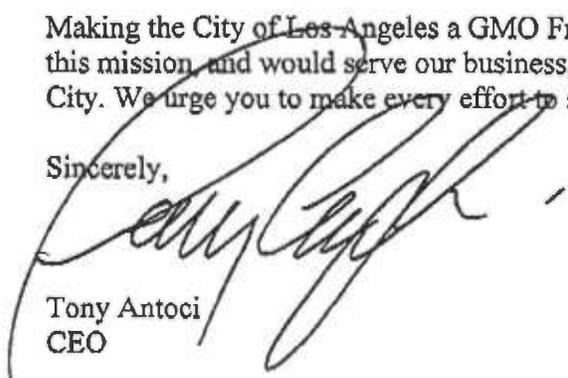
I am writing to provide Erewhon's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Since 1968, our premier health food store has served the community by selling foods and products that increase the health and transform the lives of our customers.

Our mission is to make healthy, pure, nutrient-rich foods and products available to all. We are committed to bringing local and organic produce from farm to table for our customers and to setting the standard for the highest quality ingredients possible. Part of our mission is to safeguard the sources of "pure" food on the planet. We support efforts to ensure that the prevalence of genetically modified food is curtailed. And we don't just want to sell the best foods; we want to inspire our customers and everyone in our neighborhood to take charge of their health, their lives and their environment.

Making the City of Los Angeles a GMO Free Zone would help us at Erewhon to fulfill this mission and would serve our business, our customers, and all the residents of our City. We urge you to make every effort to support and pass this measure. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Tony Antoci
CEO



Lois Keller
Head Nut

www.narydairy.com * narydairy@gmail.com * 818.391.6263

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Re: Endorsement for LA GMO-Free Zone Motion—File #13-1374

On behalf of Nary Dairy, I wish to express our organization's support of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374. This would make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Business/Organization/Group Nary Dairy
Name and Title Lois Keller owner
Signature Lois Keller
Address & Zip Code 4140 Kraft Ave. Studio City 91604
Telephone Number 818) ~~310~~ - 850-8770
Website www.narydairy.com
E-Mail narydairy@gmail.com
Date Oct. 5, 2014
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220 North Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Endorsement for LA GMO-Free Zone Motion—File #13-1374

On behalf of The River Project, I wish to express our organization's support of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374. This would make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Business/Organization/Group THE RIVER PROJECT

Name and Title MELANIE WINTER, DIRECTOR

Signature _____

Address & Zip Code 3912 LAUREL CANYON #208 Studio City 91604

Telephone Number 818.980.9660

Website theriverproject.org

E-Mail winter@theriverproject.org

Date 10.5.14

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Endorsement for LA GMO-Free Zone Motion—File #13-1374

On behalf of Uncle Berch's Foods, I wish to express our organization's support of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374. This would make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Business/Organization/Group Uncle Berch
Name and Title R. Mitchell OWNER
Signature [Signature]
Address & Zip Code 13253 Vanover St. #207
Telephone Number 818 434 3840
Website uncleberch.com
E-Mail Rus@uncleberch.com
Date 10/4/14
Additional Comments:

North Hollywood
91605

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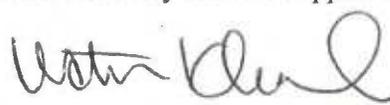
Mayor Eric Garcetti
 City Council President Herb Wesson
 Chairman Felipe Fuentes
 Chairman Jose Huizar
 Chairman Mitch O'Farrell
 Hon. _____ (your local councilmember if you have a location in the City)

Re: Endorsement of LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell, and Honorable Councilmembers:

On behalf of (OUR ORGANIZATION) Poppy's including our
 (CHAPTERS/MEMBERS) (THROUGHOUT/IN) the City of Los Angeles, I am writing
 to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to
 make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and
 growth of GMO plants and seeds.

We urge you to make every effort to support and pass this measure. Thank you!

Sincerely, 

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Ralphs Market
 14049 Ventura Blvd.
 (at Hazelline)
 Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Anawalt Lumber
 11060 W. Pico Blvd.
 Los Angeles, CA 90064

1001 N. Highland Ave.
 Hollywood, CA 90038

Erewhon Natural Food Market
 7660 Beverly Blvd.
 Los Angeles, CA 90036

Follow Your Heart
 21825 Sherman Way
 Canoga Park, CA 91303

Rainbow Acres
 13208 West Washington Blvd
 Culver City, CA 90066

For other locations - See "Where to Buy"

Our Certifications

All Poppy's Naturally Clean products are
 manufactured and packaged locally in Los
 Angeles, California.

Our products are now certified chemical-free
 and bio-degradable by Natural Verifiers. For
 more information on this independent third
 party verification, please visit them at

www.naturalverifiers.com



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Los Angeles, CA. 90066

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Chairman Mitch O'Farrell
Hon. Councilman Mike Bonin
Members of Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

October 4, 2014

Re: Council File 13-1374 Endorsement for LA GMO Free Zone Motion
Prohibit the Growth of Genetically Modified (GM) Crops within City Limits

Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell, Hon. Mike Bonin, and Honorable Councilmembers:
Councilmember

We support a GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles!

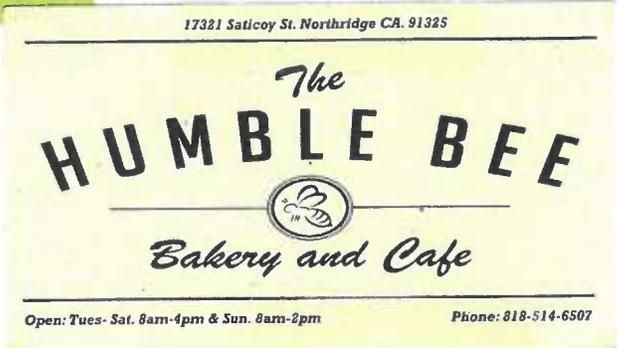
1. A GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles will protect home gardens, school gardens, community gardens and homegrown food. It will create an area of 502+ square miles (the City footprint) where it is safe to save heirloom vegetable seeds without threat of contamination from genetic modification. *Think of the children and animal life!*
 2. A GMO-Free L.A. would encourage more economic development in urban agriculture in L.A. Local growers and food producers could promote their products as "GMO-Free." It would create local jobs, grow more local produce, and boost the local tax base.
 3. 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.
 4. Creating a GMO-Free Zone will have no impact on the cost of purchased food. It will not affect the prices of conventional food, prepared food, or food grown outside the L.A. area. A GMO-Free Zone will protect homegrown food, and make it easier for citizens to save seeds - for free. It will boost people's ability to be self-sufficient.
 5. 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.
 6. Keeping L.A. GMO-Free will help ensure the safety of our bee populations. Without them we all die. Our birds and butterflies are at risk.
 7. 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 Kovetz and O'Farrell, and seconded by Councilmember Bonin. **Please create a GMO-Free Zone in Los Angeles! PLEASE!**

Sincerely,

Peg Cummings, Richard Hashimoto



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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Endorsement for LA GMO-Free Zone Motion—File #13-1374

On behalf of Humble Bee Cafe, I wish to express our organization's support of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374. This would make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Business/Organization/Group HUMBLE BEE Cafe

Name and Title Susan RIGALI, owner

Signature Susan Rene Rigali

Address & Zip Code 17321 SATICOY ST.

Telephone Number 818 773-7219

Website lets eat at humblebee.com

E-Mail cbssj@yahoo.com

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Additional Comments: Los Angeles needs to represent consumer concerns while taking a cue from countries who have moratoria on labeling of gmo's. LOOK at disease and illness in the U.S. Constant outbreaks of e.coli and anti-biotic resistance due to anti-biotic genes inserted through the ~~int~~ to transcribe infection of DNA.

September 30, 2014

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Re: Endorsement for LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell and Honorable Councilmembers:

On behalf of BioSafety Alliance, I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

As part of the Latino community, I have been working in this issue for many years, as the field organizer for Spanish speakers during the 2012 campaign of Yes on Prop. 37 to Label GMO's, I also have hosted a radio program in a commercial radio station for many years and I am the main organizer of the annual conference Justice Begins with Seeds (the largest Non-GMO advocacy gathering in the nation).

In all these years I have learnt (and I have been educating our community), about the multiple negative implications of GMO's in our health, our environment and our traditions, since our meals are based in corn and the 95% of corn in the United States is Genetically Engineered (GMO), it is a great concern among our community that our corn could be contaminated with GMO's.

We urge you to lead the movement to ban GMO's in the county level, we should remember that GMO's, are not food, are ingredients for junk food and soda, that are the main causes of chronicles diseases among people of color and poor communities living in food deserts.

We also, would like to invite you to join us during the Day of Corn Celebration and speak in support of healthy food and in defense of traditional gastronomy; the date is October 4th between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM in McArthur Park. There will be music, traditional meals prepared with organic corn, information and educations about our traditions and campaigns in which we are working to improve the quality of life of our

people.

I am attaching the program, please let us know if you would be able to speak during the event (flier attached).

Contact

Miguel Robles 415 3681891

Juan Rodriguez 213 401 5685

Sincerely,

Miguel Robles

Co-Founder and Project Director of Biosafety Alliance



Farm Food Freedom Coalition

September 29, 2014

To: Mayor Eric Garcetti
City Council President Herb Wesson
Chairman Felipe Fuentes
Chairman Jose Huizar
Chairman Mitch O'Farrell

Re: Endorsement of LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell, and Honorable Councilmembers:

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We urge you to make every effort to support and pass this measure. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Institute for Responsible Technology


Laurie Cohen Peters
Farm Food Freedom Coalition (F3C)
Farmfoodfreedom.org

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September 26, 2014

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Re: Endorsement for LA GMO-Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell, and Honorable Council members:

On behalf of our nearly 600,000 members and online supporters, including our members in the City of Los Angeles, Friends of the Earth is writing to express our endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Friends of the Earth is a progressive environmental organization, founded in 1969 by David Brower. We defend the environment and champion a healthy and just world. We're part of Friends of the Earth International, a federation of groups working in 74 countries on today's most urgent environmental and social issues. Our current campaigns focus on promoting clean energy and solutions to climate change, ensuring the food we eat and products we use are safe for our health and the environment, and protecting marine ecosystems and the people who live and work near them.

We greatly appreciate that the City Council unanimously voted to support Prop. 37 in October 2012, and unanimously voted to support California State Bill 1381 (Evans) to label GMOs, which was under consideration this spring in the State Senate.

The citizens of Los Angeles have a right to food that is good for their bodies and environment. Numerous studies show that genetically engineered foods, and the chemical-intensive production methods that go hand in hand with them, may pose serious risks to both. By establishing LA as a GMO-Free Zone, it will protect resident's rights to healthy, local and non-GMO food. Furthermore, backyard producers and urban farmers will have an advantage because *Grown in Los Angeles* would allow local entrepreneurs a

niche market and further boost the city economy. GMOs harm biodiversity and make local food producers more dependent on larger agribusinesses. By building a vibrant local food system, LA will become more independent and be able to add variety to the diet and cuisine of residents, furthering the city's place in the good food movement.

We applaud the City of Los Angeles for taking the initiative to be a premier city on the GMO issue. It is imperative the city pass this measure as State and Federal efforts have been blocked.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to working with you to support and pass this measure to create a GMO-Free Zone.

Sincerely,

Lisa Archer
Director, Food and Technology Program
Friends of the Earth-U.S.



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September 25, 2014

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Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell and Honorable Councilmembers:

On behalf of GMO Inside, **I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.**

GMOs cannot be grown near organic crops without ruining the organic crops - GMO pollen (in wind pollinated plants like corn and beets) spreads without regard to property lines and contaminates the organic crop. Produce with GMOs cannot be classified as organic, putting the organic farmer at risk for potential liability issues. A similar situation can occur on the margins in bee and insect pollinated crops. Wind pollination destroys the value of organic crops up to 25 miles – the reason we need the buffer of a GMO Free Zone. This very issue dissuades some entrepreneurs from even trying to establish a business.

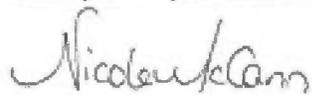
By establishing LA as GMO Free LA, our backyard producers and urban farmers have the edge because their produce will be seen as more reliably GMO free. Grown In Los Angeles would make our local entrepreneurs more profitable and further boost our economy.

GMOs consume significant more herbicides than organically grown produce – something most Angelenos do not want in the neighborhood. Contrary to advertising, actual practice of GMO food production uses more than twice as much herbicide as non-GMO crops. History shows that pesticides contaminate ground water supplies; Los Angeles needs to keep it's ground water safe.

Keeping LA GMO Free will help ensure the safety of our bee populations. A GMO Free LA would strengthen our economy, our food security and put Los Angeles in forefront of American cities on food policy.

Please accept GMO Inside's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole McCann".

Nicole McCann, M.A.
Food Campaigns Director
GMO Inside (powered by Green America)
nmccann@greenamerica.org
202-872-5343



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Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell and Honorable Councilmembers:

On behalf of Green America, **I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.**

GMOs cannot be grown near organic crops without ruining the organic crops - GMO pollen (in wind pollinated plants like corn and beets) spreads without regard to property lines and contaminates the organic crop. Produce with GMOs cannot be classified as organic, putting the organic farmer at risk for potential liability issues. A similar situation can occur on the margins in bee and insect pollinated crops. Wind pollination destroys the value of organic crops up to 25 miles – the reason we need the buffer of a GMO Free Zone. This very issue dissuades some entrepreneurs from even trying to establish a business.

By establishing LA as GMO Free LA, our backyard producers and urban farmers have the edge because their produce will be seen as more reliably GMO free. Grown In Los Angeles would make our local entrepreneurs more profitable and further boost our economy.

GMOs consume significant more herbicides than organically grown produce – something most Angelenos do not want in the neighborhood. Contrary to advertising, actual practice of GMO food production uses more than twice as much herbicide as non-GMO crops. History shows that pesticides contaminate ground water supplies; Los Angeles needs to keep its ground water safe.

Keeping LA GMO Free will help ensure the safety of our bee populations. A GMO Free LA would strengthen our economy, our food security and put Los Angeles in forefront of American cities on food policy.

Please accept Green America's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Larsen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Larsen
Corporate Responsibility Division Director
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Re: Support for LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell and Honorable Councilmembers:

On behalf of Pesticide Action Network North America and our over 100,000 members, including those in the City of Los Angeles, I am writing to express our organization's support for Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of genetically engineered (GE) plants and seeds.

PANNA represents a diverse network of family farmers, farmworkers, beekeepers, and indigenous peoples dedicated to ensuring prosperity and fairness in the food and farming system. This vision puts us at odds with industrial agricultural interests, especially the "Big 6" pesticide manufacturers and genetically engineered seed corporations. So we laud the City of Los Angeles for standing up to these powerful interests and considering prohibitions on the cultivation and sale of genetically engineered seeds and plants.

The City of Los Angeles has a responsibility to stand up for a fair and resilient food system. While these corporations have largely focused their attention on designing commodity crops like corn and soybeans that withstand heavy herbicide applications, they are already looking to expand to markets for specialty crops, including citrus, broccoli, apples and strawberries. The City of Los Angeles, on behalf of the farmers outside the City limits that source food to restaurants, grocery stores, schools, and family dinner tables should take a stand to protect the food they grow by publicly declaring the City as a "GMO-Free Zone".

The City also has a responsibility to protect LA's backyard and community gardeners from the threats of contamination of GE crops, especially if more specialty crops become commercialized. In many cases, the GE crops have contaminated non-GE varieties across the country without the consent of farmers, and through no fault of their own, putting them at economic risk due to lost markets, and under threat of litigation from the Big 6 patent and license holders. The same issues of contamination could play out for urban farmers and gardeners.

Over the past several years, GE contamination has already jeopardized millions of dollars in exports for America farmers, including exports through the Ports of Los

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Angeles and Long Beach, where goods are shipped to international markets, especially markets in Asia. These countries already have laws on the books that prohibit the sale of GE products. By taking a public stand, Los Angeles is also declaring protections for its port exports and port jobs.

By passing this law, the City of Los Angeles would join other counties across the state, including Lake, Marin and Mendocino that have already placed similar laws on the books, with other cities and counties across the state considering this type of action. Moreover, the City would join over 60 countries around the world that have taken some form of action to label or prohibit the growth of GE crops.

The City of Los Angeles can and should take a strong stand now to protect the best interests of eaters, backyard gardeners, and farmers who source food to the city. Passing the law now will send a clear signal to farmers and gardeners that you want to protect their best interests now, and as the next generation of genetically engineered seeds and crops comes online.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak further, please contact me at 916-588-3100 or ptowers@panna.org.

Sincerely,



Paul Towers
Organizing & Media Director



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September 23, 2014

Mayor Eric Garcetti
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Chairman Jose Huizar
Chairman Mitch O'Farrell

Re: Endorsement for LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell and Honorable Councilmembers:

On behalf of Center for Food Safety, I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Center for Food Safety is a nationwide consumer and environmental nonprofit organization working to protect human health and the environment from potentially harmful food technologies, such as genetically engineered crops. CFS has over 500,000 members and has been working on the issue of GMO crops for more than 15 years. As such, we endorse motion #13-1374.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Spector, West Coast Director
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Re: Endorsement for LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

September 15, 2014

Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell and Honorable Councilmembers:

On behalf of Citizens for GMO Labeling, I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the **Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.**

Citizens for GMO Labeling is a nationwide organization working on state campaigns in Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. As a 501 (c) (4), our primary goal is to assist the activists in the field with professional campaign resources and support them in regaining our basic right to know what we are eating and feeding our families. The LA GMO Free Zone legislation will further our organization's goals by contributing to a greater awareness of this issue across the country and help establish the term "GMO" within Government.

We greatly appreciate that the City Council unanimously voted to support Prop. 37 in October 2012, and unanimously voted to support California State Bill 1381 (Evans) to label GMOs, which was under consideration this Spring in the State Senate.

We at Citizens for GMO Labeling urge you to make every effort to support and pass this measure. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Zofia Hausman
Founder, Citizens for GMO Labeling



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Re: Endorsement for LA GMO Free Zone Motion - File #13-1374

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the **Northeast Valley Green Alliance**, I am writing to express our organization's endorsement of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374 to make the City of Los Angeles a **GMO-Free Zone** with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Both my organization in general and I, individually, have worked with the Council and individual members over a period of time on many environmental and other issues. Over the years, we have been pleased at your responsiveness and cooperation. The above-referenced motion is of particular importance at this time and must be resolved in an expeditious way.

I have written in the past about the perils of GMOs. Now is the time to stand up and be counted.

Thank you.

Warmly,
Rosemary Jenkins,
Chair, Northeast Valley Green Alliance
Columnist, citywatchla.com

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Re: Endorsement for LA GMO-Free Zone Motion—File #13-1374

On behalf of _____, I wish to express our organization's support of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374. This would make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Business/Organization/Group Olive it
Name and Title Leslie Akira
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Dear Mayor Garcetti, President Wesson, Chairman Fuentes, Chairman Huizar, Chairman O'Farrell, and Honorable Councilmembers:

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I support 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. A GMO-Free L.A. would encourage more economic development in urban agriculture in L.A. Local growers and food producers could promote their products as "GMO-Free." It would create local jobs, grow more local produce, and boost the local tax base.
3. 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.
4. Creating a GMO-Free Zone will have no impact on the cost of purchased food. It will not affect the prices of conventional food, prepared food, or food grown outside the L.A. area. A GMO-Free Zone will protect homegrown food, and make it easier for citizens to save seeds - *for free*. It will boost people's ability to be self-sufficient.
5. 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.
6. Keeping L.A. GMO-Free will help ensure the safety of our bee populations.
7. 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,

Janet Maker
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GMO FREE ZONE



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Re: Endorsement for LA GMO-Free Zone Motion—File #13-1374

On behalf of TESOURO BOUTIQUE, I wish to express our organization's support of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374. This would make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Business/Organization/Group TESOURO BOUTIQUE

Name and Title NINA C. JAMES - OWNER

Signature *Nina James*

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On behalf of SIFTED: LA, I wish to express our organization's support of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374. This would make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

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Name and Title CHRIS GETTO / OWNER

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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On behalf of ~~REAL Creative Space~~ Tina Cho, I wish to express our organization's support of the Koretz-O'Farrell motion #13-1374. This would make the City of Los Angeles a GMO-Free Zone with regard to the sale, distribution and growth of GMO plants and seeds.

Business/Organization/Group REAL Creative Space

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