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**Re: Mandatory food labeling requirements for certain genetically
engineered foods**

At its regular meeting, August 14, 2012, the Mar Vista Community Council approved the following policy motion:

The Mar Vista Community Council, representing 55,000 stakeholders in the city of Los Angeles, urges the state of California to establish mandatory food labeling requirements for certain genetically engineered foods, and asks that the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council support this request.

We agree that consumers have a fundamental right to make informed choices about the food they eat and the food they feed to their children. Our community feels that providing basic information does not confuse the public, it empowers them to make educated choices. Such labeling will protect a consumer's right to know, the freedom to choose what we feed our families, and the integrity of our free and open markets. Genetically engineered foods are already required to be labeled in the 15 European Union nations, Russia, Japan, China, Australia, New Zealand, and many other countries around the world. It is time for the state of California to provide its citizens with the same protection.

Kind regards,

**Sharon Commins, Chair
Mar Vista Community Council**