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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE – 1st Floor Commission Chamber
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
August 25, 2014 – 6:30 PM

				Cumulative Attendance 1/2014 through 12/2014	
MEMBERS	APPT BY	ATTENDANCE	PRESENT	ABSENT	
1. Valerie Amor, Chair	M	P	8	0	
2. Alena Alberani, Vice Chair	II	P	4	4	
3. Daniel Ayers	M	P	8	0	
4. Steven Cook	I	P	7	1	
5. Vicki Eckels	IV	P	6	1	
6. William Goetz	I	P	4	0	
7. Darin Lentner	IV	A	5	3	
8. Jim Moyer [arrived 7:33pm]	III	P	8	0	
9. Mate Thitisawat	C	P	5	3	
10. Cheryl Whitfield	III	P	8	0	
11. Jim Wood	II	A	3	2	

Also Present

Sustainability Division of Public Works
 Dr. Nancy J. Gassman, Assistant Public Works Director – Sustainability Division
 Heather Steyn, Sustainability Specialist, SAB Staff Liaison

Call of Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Amor at 6:35 pm, roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

Communications to the City Commission

Subsequent to your request to evaluate the GMO labeling resolution presented by Food and Water Watch as a citizen presentation at a Commission meeting, the SAB reviewed extensive independent research and discussed this topic in considerable depth over multiple meetings. We also heard from members of the public (add list here including the Farm Bureau). We believe the concerns of the public about GMO labeling should not be ignored. Therefore, we respectfully submit the attached resolution for your consideration and support.

Motion

Motion made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Ms. Whitfield, to advise the above Communication to the City Commission. In a voice vote, the motion passed 8-2.

LOCAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale values its citizens as stated in its “Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision” and recognizes that consumers want information about the food they and their families eat; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale values education, transparency, and accessibility, and recognizes that the labeling of genetically engineered foods serves to inform citizens; and

WHEREAS, there are 64 countries that enforce labeling laws for genetically engineered food; and

WHEREAS, the states of Connecticut, Maine, and Vermont have passed laws requiring the labeling of GE foods; and

WHEREAS, as of July 2014, more than 60 bills have been introduced in over 20 states to require GE labeling; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 *New York Times* poll found that 93 percent of U.S. consumers wanted all genetically engineered ingredients to be identified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the _____ day of _____ 2014, the City of Fort Lauderdale supports mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered products.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this ____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Date

Council President

Date

PLEASE SEND A COPY OF THIS SIGNED RESOLUTION TO:

1. Governor Rick Scott, State of Florida, The Capitol 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
2. Local Representative Lois Frankel, United States House of Representatives, 1037 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

3. Senator Bill Nelson, United States Senate, 716 Senate Hart Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
4. Senator Marco Rubio, United States Senate, 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
5. Gina McCarthy, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460
6. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250
7. Margaret Hamberg M.D., Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20993
8. Food & Water Watch, 1044 NE 15th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304