



Governor Jerry Brown
Attn: Legislative Affairs Unit
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

September 3, 2012

Dear Governor Brown:

The San Francisco Urban Agriculture Alliance (SFUAA), a non-profit coalition of more than 40 member organizations, urges you to sign the California Homemade Food Act (AB 1616). The California Homemade Food Act, similar to “cottage food laws” in 33 other US states, will allow for the sale of non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in a home kitchen.

This will provide city gardeners and farmers a lower barrier of entry to make processed goods with what they grow in the city, making it easier for urban agriculture entrepreneurs working in non-profits or for-profits to generate income and add vibrancy to our local communities and economy.

Thank you for giving the California Homemade Food Act (AB 1616) the strongest consideration.

Attached is a list of SFUAA members. If we can get you any additional information about this legislation or our organization, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Mission Statement:

The San Francisco Urban Agriculture Alliance (SFUAA) promotes the growing of food within San Francisco and the associated goals of our member organizations, through advocacy, education, and grassroots action.

We pursue our mission by leveraging the strengths of our members, from backyard farmers to social justice organizations, both within the alliance and in collaboration with outside organizations and governmental agencies.

Organizational Members (as of September 2012)

- 49 Farms
- Anne Hamersky Photography
- Aunt Em's Urban Inn + Farm
- Bay Localize
- Buried River Ranch
- City Grazing
- CommunityGrows
- Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA)
- Cultivate SF
- Design Ecology
- Eating Dirt
- Ecology Center of San Francisco (ECOSF)
- Episcopal Diocese of California
- Feel the Earth
- The Free Farm
- Friends of Alemany Farm
- From the Ground Up
- Future Action Reclamation Mob (FARM)
- Garden For the Environment
- Global Exchange
- Green Earth Gardeners
- GrowCity
- Grubly
- Hayes Valley Farm
- Heartbeets
- How to Homestead
- Ideation Incubator
- Itty Bitty Farm in the City
- Little City Gardens
- Master Gardeners
- Mission Community Market
- Mission Vertical Farming
- People Organized to Win Employment Rights (POWER)
- Pesticide Watch
- Produce to the People
- Rainbow Grocery
- Recology
- Saint Vincent de Paul Society
- San Francisco Bee-Cause
- San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance
- San Francisco Landscapes
- SEAM Studio
- SF Permaculture Guild
- Slide Ranch
- Tenderloin People's Garden
- The Garden Community
- TransitionSF
- US Green Building Council - Northern California Chapter
- Urban Edibles
- Urban Kitchen SF
- Urban Share
- Urban Sprouts
- Virtually Green - SCUFI
- We Players
- Yards to Gardens