

# South Central Farmers: Feeding Families

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## South Central Farmers Support Coalition

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### **-EVICTION NOTICE POSTED!!**

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**-We're asking everyone to take to the following actions in **immediate** support of the farmers:**

1. Go to the Los Angeles City Hall this Friday March 3, 2006 at 9:00 am to demonstrate outside and to speak out during the City Council Meeting's Public Comments. ***Demand the city intervene on the community's behalf!*** Public comments commences at 10:00 am.

2. Contact Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and ask him to respond morally and ethically:

**Email: [mayor@lacity.org](mailto:mayor@lacity.org) Phone: (213)978-0600**

-Attached is a sample letter addressed to the mayor and image you can send to remind him of his promises to the farmers.

3. Come to the South Central Farm at 41st and Alameda (Blue line, Vernon Station) for a community informing and support meeting this **Sunday, 3/5, at 3 pm**. We'll also be doing Know Your Rights, Legal Observing and Non-Violent Civil Disobedience trainings after the meeting.

4. Join the South Central Farmers for a candle light ceremony to display honor and solidarity for the preservation of the farm. **Sunday March 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. @ The South Central Farm**

-We'll be continuing our 24 hour vigil to protect the farm which started in July of 2006. Please bring supplies of food, water, flashlights, batteries, firewood, sleeping bags, blankets, tarps, tents and anything else we may need in the days to come.

-For information on the South Central Farmers visit [www.southcentralfarmers.com](http://www.southcentralfarmers.com)

-You may contact us through our website or contact Fernando @ (909)605-3136 [southcentralfarmers@yahoo.com](mailto:southcentralfarmers@yahoo.com)



Antonio Villaraigosa asking for the farmers' support



Antonio Villaraigosa leads the Lord's Prayer with the Farmers.

Sample Letter to the Mayor:

March 2, 2006

Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa  
Mayor of Los Angeles  
200 N. Main St. Rm 303  
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Dear Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa:

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As citizens and tax payers of the City of Los Angeles we are outraged that the city of LA settled a speculative lawsuit with Mr. Horowitz. Even after Judge W. Crispo had ruled three times against Horowitz, the city officials conceded to give the land back to Horowitz for a mere 5.1 million dollars, extremely under the fair market value, since in 1994 it had been sold for 13.3 Million dollars.

We are outraged that the community is now being asked to bear the profit of 11 million dollars for the real estate developer. Further, we address the primary decision maker regarding the land, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, urging him to do more than suggest that the working class community connected to the farm raise \$16 million or more through individual contributions.

Those who conceded the sale have an essential liability to return this asset to the community. We are calling on Congressman Xavier Becerra, Speaker of the California Assembly, Fabian Nuñez, County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and the whole city council to 1) nullify the sale with Ralph Horowitz, or 2) take the land by eminent domain, or 3) take on the burden of fundraising to buy the land that was given away to a speculative developer. The land belongs in the community for the good of the community.

It is not necessary to destroy the community farm. Help us prevent the destruction of this 13-year project that has become an asset to South Central Los Angeles. We call upon you to reconsider the destruction of the 14-acre community farm in South Central Los Angeles. Surely an alternative site can be found for Mr. Ralph Horowitz somewhere else along the Alameda Corridor.

Sincerely,

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