



# City of Encinitas

Office of  
The Mayor

May 3, 2016

*Kristin Gaspar*  
Mayor

The Honorable Marc Levine  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2141  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Lisa Shaffer*  
Deputy Mayor

**RE: AB 1810 (Levine) California Seed Law: non-commercial seed sharing  
NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Levine:

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Council Member

The City of Encinitas is in support of AB 1810 (Levine), which provides an exemption from seed law labeling of non-commercial, shared seeds. The existing law has been an impediment to seed sharing due to the threat of penalties if improperly labeled.

Your bill will be beneficial to seed libraries, which provide communities with free heirloom seeds. This will also benefit community gardens through greater exchange of seeds that produce plants that have adapted to the local environment, and through the preservation of culturally significant seed.

*Tony Kranz*  
Council Member

The City of Encinitas has an agricultural heritage. For this, and the reasons stated above, we support AB 1810 (Levine).

Sincerely,

*Mark Muir*  
Council Member

Lisa Shaffer  
Deputy Mayor

*Karen P. Brust*  
City Manager

cc: City Council  
Senator Patricia Bates  
Assembly Member Rocky Chavez  
JGC Governmental Relations  
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities