



*City of
Encinitas*

Office of
The Mayor

September 2, 2016

Kristin Gaspar
Mayor

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Lisa Shaffer
Deputy Mayor

**RE: AB 1810 (Levine) California Seed Law: non-commercial seed sharing
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

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.

This 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 request that you sign AB 1810 into law.

Sincerely,

Mark Muir
Council Member

Kristin Gaspar
Mayor

cc: City Council
JGC Governmental Relations

Karen P. Brust
City Manager