Good Food is Sustainable

In order to have a Good Food system in Los Angeles, we must ensure that our environment is treated in a sustainable fashion.

Our local food system is both a contributor to climate change, and a critical tool for reversing it. We need to take action in regard to sourcing and distribution of food, repurposing of food waste, and our agricultural practices in order to foster a sustainable food system for our current and future generations.

**AGRICULTURAL LAND IS BEING LOST**

More and more agricultural land is being converted to urban and built land across the LA Foodshed, which depletes the resiliency of our food system. Overall, the acres of agricultural land in LA County and Foodshed have also been consistently decreasing.

**ORGANIC FARMS ARE INCREASING**

The number of certified organic farms is on the rise in both LA Foodshed, now with 6.7% of farms registering as organic, and 2.9% in LA County. We also know that there are many other sustainable and regenerative farming practices and certifications that are gaining popularity.

**WOMEN- AND MINORITY-OPERATED FARMS ARE GREATLY INCREASING**

In 2017, 46% of farms in the LA Foodshed were principally operated by women - up from 21% in 2012. Furthermore, 26% of farms were minority-operated, which was a 17% increase from 2012.

Micro-farms are continuing to increase.

In both LA County & Foodshed, there have been greater than 10% increases in the number of micro-farms in the past several years.

And so are large farms.

Large farms have continued to increase in all areas - including acres harvested, agricultural sales, and more. This points to increased consolidation of corporate ownership of agriculture in California.

Of these minority-operated farms, 15.7% were Latino, 5.9% Asian, 2.1% multiple races, 1.3% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 0.5% Black or African American, and 0.5% Native Hawaiian.