

Why is LA trying to ban GMO crops?

Even if you hate the idea of genetically modified food, you would gain nothing from a Los Angeles City Council proposal to ban the growing of such crops here. That's because no one grows them in L.A. and as near as anyone knows, no one has any plan to do so

That makes the proposed [GMO] ban largely symbolic — in addition to being irrational and unscientific. Yet it seemed almost certain to pass this week, because a state law that takes effect Jan. 1 was believed to prohibit any such ordinance in the future. The tight time frame placed extra pressure on council members to act hastily.

Fortunately, a council committee refused Monday to be rushed into the ban proposed by Councilmen Paul Koretz and Mitch O'Farrell.

There are now indications that the new state law might not affect this proposal, so it could come back to life. It should be put out of its misery instead. A blanket ban would be akin to banning childhood vaccines to appease people who fear them despite the scientific evidence that they do not cause autism.

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