



Come Support the South Central Farmers in Oakland, July 8!

Dear friends,

The South Central Farmers desperately need our help to prevent the 14-acre urban farm on which they depend from being destroyed. In recent days, bulldozers have moved onto the property, escorted by the LAPD.

Despite this threat, dozens of organizations and thousands of concerned people from around the world are coming together with one voice to call for the preservation of the farm and justice for the South Central Farmers.

A series of International Solidarity Days will take place this weekend around the globe – and many Bay Area organizations are sponsoring a Day of Action with music, speakers, and food this Saturday at the Grand Lake Farmers Market in Oakland (see below for full details).

Please join us in taking a stand for the South Central Farmers!

Toward self-reliance, renewal, and justice,

- Aaron Lehmer and the Bay Area Relocalize team

CALL TO ACTION!

South Central Farm International Day of Solidarity
Save the South Central Farm & Support Small Farms Worldwide!

WHERE: Grand Lake Farmers Market, Oakland (near Lake Merritt at the corner of Grand and Lake parkway alongside the 580 Freeway)

South Central Farmers
International Day of Solidarity
Saturday, July 8, 2006



WHEN: July 8, 2006 – 10 am – 2 pm

FEATURING: Music, food, Julia Butterfly Hill, Van Jones, and other speakers

Map: <http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?latlongtype=decimal&latitude=37.8113&longitude=-122.2479&zoom=7>

Call to Action:

Join the South Central Farm International Solidarity Days to defend the rights of small farmers so they may continue to live and farm with dignity while producing a healthier, safer community for all! We will be raising awareness for the small farming movement and its critical place in the green/environmental landscape with special attention paid to urban farms, family farms, global environmental justice, food security, and green development.

The Struggle Continues!

Although 350 family farmers were evicted from the 14-acre South Central Farm on June 13 the movement to protect this community grows each day. We are now gearing up for a July 12 court date that will set the wheels of justice in motion and challenge the legality of the sale of the farm. We are raising global awareness for our cause – and for the cause of social justice worldwide. Join the international social network committed to justice for people and the planet.

What You Can Do:

1. If you do only one act of solidarity, then call or e-mail L.A. City Council Woman Jan Perry. Ask Ms. Perry to work with the people of Los Angeles and broker a win-win deal for the farmers, the land developer and the city. Implore her to help negotiate the sale the land to the farmers. E-mail her at Councilperson.Perry@lacity.org or jan.perry@lacity.org and telephone her at (213) 473-7009.
2. Print flyers from our website and distribute at supermarkets, farmers markets, Church or temple
3. Protest in front of your local City Hall or Supreme Court to let authorities know that feeding families with fresh, organic, affordable produce is a basic human right
4. Wear a green ribbon or green t-shirt

Directions to the Oakland Day of Action:

From the west: Take Highway 580 east (toward Hayward). Take the Grand Avenue exit. Turn left at Grand Avenue and go under the freeway to Lakepark Way. Turn right at Lakepark Way and an immediate right into the parking lot under the freeway.

From the east: Take Highway 580 west (toward Oakland). Take the Grand Avenue exit. Go straight through the first stoplight and take the first left into the parking lot under the freeway.

Public Transportation:

BART:

From MacArthur Station to AC Transit bus 57 to Grand Lake Theatre (Macarthur Blvd & Grand Ave.)

From 19th St. Station to AC Transit bus #12 to Grand Lake Theatre (Lakepark & Grand Ave.)

From SF Transbay Terminal take NL bus. Get off at Macarthur Blvd & Lake Shore Ave. walk to where Lakeshore and & Grand Meet near under the freeway almost two blocks from the Grand Lake Theatre.

From Hayward, Pleasanton, Fremont areas:

Public Transportation: Take Richmond BART to 19th Street Station. Transfer to AC Transit bus #12, to Lakepark & Grand Avenue.

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