



November 10, 2010

Brenda Roche, M.S., R.D.
Nutrition, Family & Consumer Science Advisor
UC Cooperative Extension
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Dear Ms. Roche:

I am pleased to submit my support for UC Cooperative Extension's application to the UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program for funding for its *Grow and Eat Fresh in LA Initiative*. I am acutely aware of the demand for quality gardening and nutrition programs for low-income residents of LA County and look forward to our participation.

Master Gardener Milli Macen-Moore has participated in a similar initiative, *Grow LA Victory Garden Initiative*, at our site in the past, and we have been very pleased with the resulting gardening training provided to low-income beginning gardeners. We now would like to expand this training to include nutrition and basic preparation of fresh produce through the *Grow and Eat Fresh in LA Initiative*.

Thanks so much for including us in applying for this funding. We offer our full support. We will provide a meeting room and garden space so the Master Gardeners can conduct their four weekend days of training and hands-on activities for the low-income participants from our local neighborhood in April 2011, and then afterwards on a continuing basis for their continuing education meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Gatto'.

Nicole Gatto, M.P.H., Ph.D.
Director, Milagro Allegro Community Garden