

NEWS RELEASE AND ADVISORY

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Success! Bill 120917 will be Amended to Restore Community Gardens and Market or Community Supported Farms as a Matter of Right in CMX-2 and 2.5

PHILADELPHIA – January 22, 2013 – The Campaign for Healthier Foods and Greener Spaces is thrilled to announce that City Councilman Brian O’Neill will amend Bill 120917 on January 24, 2013, to restore community gardens and market or community supported farms in CMX-2 and 2.5 as a matter of right, as was originally allowed in the new zoning code. Earlier today, Councilman O’Neill contacted his fellow council members via email to explain that he had made this decision after speaking with Council President and several council members.

This is an incredible victory for community gardens and farms, as well as the Philadelphia community as a whole. The Campaign is extremely grateful for the individuals and organizations that made their concerns known and to all of the councilmembers and staff who took the time out of busy schedules to meet with and listen to their constituents. Philadelphians will continue to strive toward enhancing food access and providing structures through which communities can successfully reclaim land from blight.

We ask that all take a moment to thank your district council member and the at-large members for their support in obtaining this crucial amendment. We invite you all to attend City Council Chambers **at 10 a.m.** on January 24 to support this amendment. The Campaign for Healthier Foods and Greener Spaces looks forward to working together to continue this momentum forward.

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