

**FROM THE DESK OF COUNCILMEMBER LINDA MAIO**

REGARDING THE **LBAM ITEM, # 32**, COUNCIL MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER A MORE BROADLY WORDED AND SIMPLE RESOLUTION, BASED ON THAT PASSED BY THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS DISTRICT.

**Resolution against the Light Brown Apple Moth Chemical Program**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has detected the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) within the State of California; and

WHEREAS, CDFA is proposing several methods to eradicate LBAM; and

WHEREAS, the full environmental review process to determine safety and efficacy of the pesticide program has not been conducted due to the suspension of the requirement for a full EIR, and

WHEREAS, the synthetic pheromone that interferes with the LBAM's mating abilities has not been tested for long-term human exposure due to it having only been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use over agricultural lands and not populated areas; and

WHEREAS, it has not yet been demonstrated chemical methods such as those proposed will eradicate the apple moth; and

WHEREAS, there may be unintended public health and environmental impacts as a result of proceeding with pesticide applications without first conducting a full environmental review and impact assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley, in keeping with City policy to take all reasonable precautions to protect the environment and the health and safety of its residents and visitors from possible ill effects of chemicals, requests that the State place a moratorium on any eradication program until the full environmental assessment process has been completed and it can be demonstrated that the proposed chemical program will not negatively impact public health or environmental quality and is proven to be effective at eliminating the threat of LBAM to California's agricultural and native as well as wild plant species.

