



# Landscape Code 17.68.010

**Presented by**

**Sacramento Citizens  
for**

**Sustainable Landscapes**

*Working to meet Sacramento's sustainability  
goals through diverse urban gardens*

Sacramento Citizens for Sustainable Landscapes respectfully requests that the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance amending Section 17.68.010 as recommended by the Planning Commission, which deletes Subsection (A)(1)(c), as it arbitrarily restricts vegetables and fruits in diversified landscapes.



# Global Perspective



# Sacramento City Council's Vision and Strategic Goals

- To make Sacramento the most livable and sustainable city in America
- Sustainability is one of 5 major goals in the City Council's Long-Range Plan
- United Nations Urban Environmental Accords (UEA)
- Sacramento City Food Charter
- Tree Foundation's Greenprint
- Partner agency in the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership coalition

# Existing Mandates

## State Mandates

- The Water Conservation in Landscaping Act AB1881 requires local landscape ordinances to improve water use efficiency in urban irrigated landscapes.
- The Governor's Executive Order S-3-05 recognizes the impact of global warming and establishes climate change reduction targets for the state.

## Federal Mandates

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II requirements dictate water quality standards in Sacramento's watershed.





# Quality of Life Indicators

## Economic Impact





Water Conservation

Water Quality

Green Waste  
Management

Air Pollution











Energy









# Climate Change

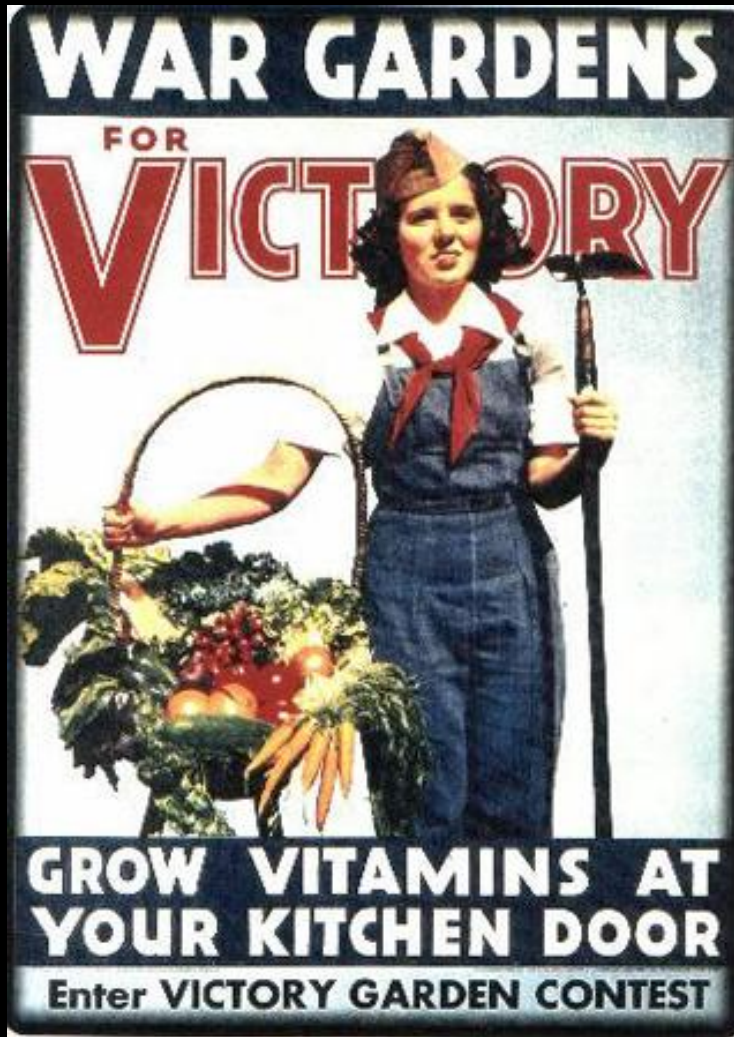




# Food Security



# Food Security – our past and future









# Hunger







## Integrating food into the front yard landscape







# Ecological and Health Risks and Benefits







Photo Courtesy: National Archives

**YOU CAN USE  
the land you have  
to grow the foods you need**

# *Grow Your Own* **FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

*Food Will Win the War and Write the Peace*

Secretary, U.S. Department  
of Agriculture



BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

**INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER**

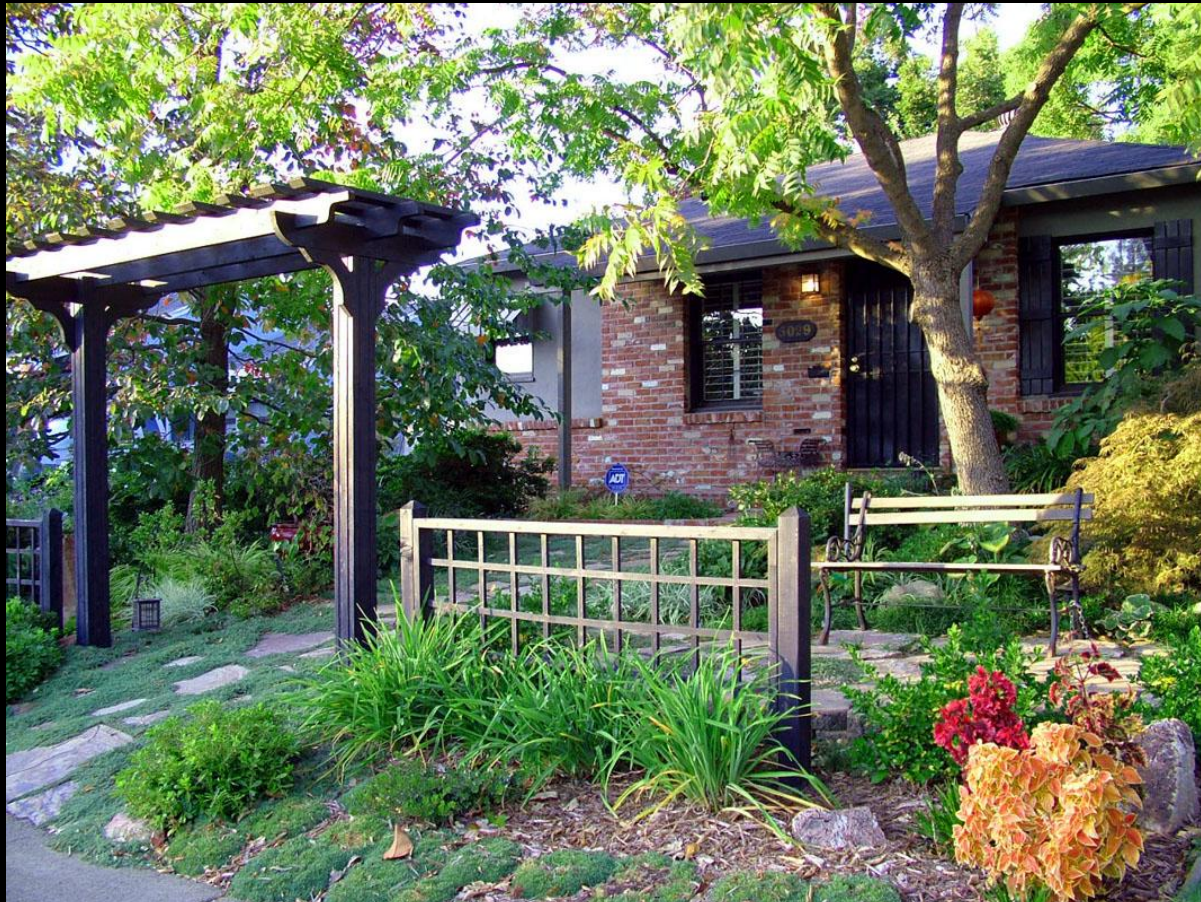


# Sacramento's Unique Features and Qualities

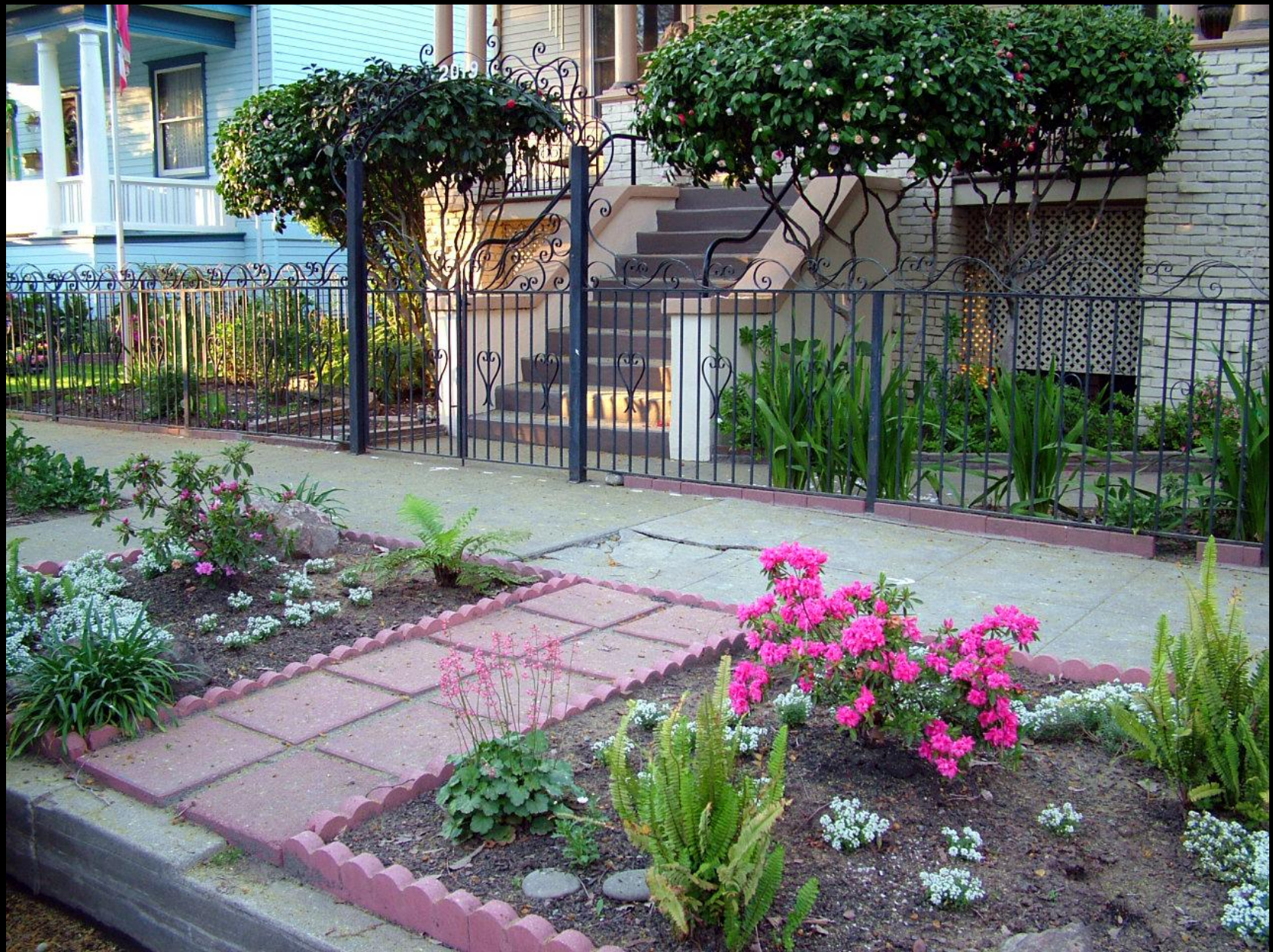




# Neighborhood Development



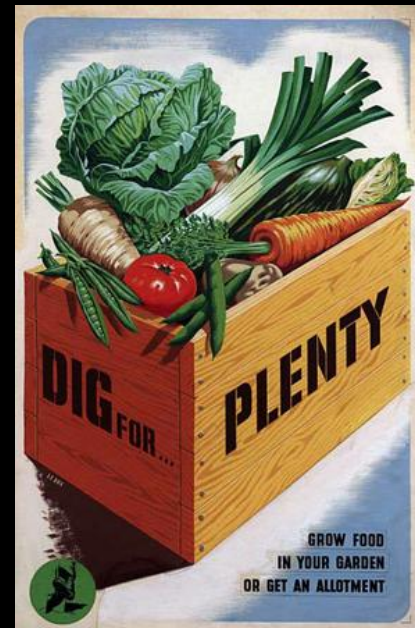






# Urban Gardens Nourish

- Families
- Neighborhoods
- Communities
- Cities





# Cultural Diversity











# How Sacramento Ranks Among Other Cities for Livability and Sustainability

1. Portland, OR
2. San Francisco, CA
3. Seattle, WA
4. Chicago, IL
5. Oakland, CA



13. Sacramento, CA

The U.S. City Rankings focus on the many ways in which city policies and practices differ from one another, and how that affects the people living in those places.

A sustainable city minimizes its long-term impact on the environment while maximizing the quality of life for its residents.



# Diverse Urban Landscapes

## – Meeting the Challenge

- No compromise of the standards requiring well-maintained landscapes and adherence to health and safety codes.
- Adopt a proactive rather than reactive approach which includes educating residents about diverse landscapes and how to maintain acceptable front yards.











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- Sends clear message of the importance of preserving water quality, water conservation, waste management, and air quality in our city.
- Opportunity to educate citizens about sustainable practices.





We are calling on the city to help promote and educate the community on the benefits of diverse urban landscapes.

The first step to doing this will be to adopt landscape code language that supports sustainable practices.













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