

RECOMMENDATION

The Peace and Justice Commission recommends that the Berkeley City Council oppose the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) pesticide program to attempt to eradicate the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM), whether by aerial spraying, ground spraying, twist ties, permethrin, or other related methods, and request that the USDA downgrade the LBAM pest classification to reflect the lack of risk it poses, until such time as Environmental Impact Reports have been completed and public hearings have been held on all of these methods. Furthermore, the Berkeley City Council should take legal action across regional borders for a strong united front with all affected municipalities opposed to the program.

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