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## **Lecture Series on Healthy, Sustainable Living Kicks Off Nov. 6 in Riverside**

*City Councilman Andy Melendrez to host talk on genetically modified organisms*

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The first of three lectures in Riverside focusing on healthy, sustainable living will examine genetically modified organisms, or GMOs. The lecture is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Cesar Chavez Community Center, 2060 University Avenue in Riverside.

Hosted by City Councilman Andy Melendrez, who represents the area, the series will kick off with “GMOs: What’s in the seed?” Panelists include Brian Federici, Distinguished Professor of Entomology at UC Riverside, and Zen Honeycutt, Founder of Moms Across America.

Other lectures on waste and climate change will follow on Dec. 4 and Jan. 8. Panelists will share their perspectives and answer questions from the audience.

“I expect the series to be informative and interesting,” Melendrez said. “The audience will have an opportunity to gain a new perspective on the trending topics we hear of today.”

The lectures are free and open to the public. Doors open at 6 p.m., and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Spanish translation is available.

More information is available through Councilman Melendrez’s office at (951) 826-5419 or [asmelendrez@riversideca.gov](mailto:asmelendrez@riversideca.gov)