

# EL Girasol

LVEJO Quarterly E-Newsletter - March 2018

## Help give our gardeners some comfort...

[Semillas de Justicia community garden](#) blooms with a variety of vegetables, fruits, legumes, and flowers for the enjoyment of the community. Our garden serves as a hub for intergenerational exchanges of organic food-growth practices taught by, with, and for Little Village residents.

We would like to raise **\$10,000** to 1) build a roof structure in the central square of the garden to facilitate gardening classes and workshops but also to provide comfort for our gardeners during the hottest summer days and 2) to create a bilingual gardening program for children ages 4-10 starting in the summer of 2018.

Last year, we raised **\$4,000** thanks to our amazing supporters. Will you help us finish our goal?

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## From Coal to Diesel, the Little Village that can...

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018 we were shocked to learn that **Hilco** and **Mayor Rahm Emanuel** proposed the demolition of the Crawford Coal Power Plant and the building of a potential logistics facility located at 3400 S Pulaski Rd. This top-down decision to plan for a diesel-intensive logistics center or distribution facility threatens to undermine the life-saving improvement in air quality won by the shut-down of the Crawford coal plant in 2012.



*LVEJO Youth Interns and Staff celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the Crawford Coal Power Plant shut down in 2015.*

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### Is remediation of the Collateral Channel possible?

"The Collateral Channel served as a conduit for flow to the main channel of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, and a considerable amount of sediment and sludge was deposited in the channel during that time."

Read more [here](#)



### We need YOUR help!

LVEJO is looking for volunteers to conduct truck counting. Diesel exhaust is affecting our lungs, so why is there an increase in diesel trucks? Help us count diesel trucks this spring!

Contact: [Nancy Meza](#)



### LVEJO Participated in the Building Equity and Alignment for Impact, Just Transition Forum.

This gathering brought together labor, environmental groups, grassroots organizations and funders to recognize that in order for the environmental movement to be successful, it must support and resource grassroots groups to institutionalize community-based solutions to the ecological crisis.

Read more [here](#)



### 15th Annual Chicago Food Policy Summit, 2018.

LVEJO facilitated a workshop titled "History of Black and Latinx Farming Movements" Along with Leroy Chalmers from Habitat for Humanity, and Taryn Randle from Getting Grown Collective. The workshop, originally created by Soul Fire Farm in Grafton, NY explores a brief history of Black and Latinx contributions to the food system in the United States and the Americas. It was followed by a group discussion about how we can work together to gain greater control in the food chain. We had 90 people present at our workshop!

Little Village was strongly represented with gardeners from the Semillas de Justicia Community Garden (LVEJO), member from the Street Vendor Association of Chicago, and the Little Village Gardeners Coalition.

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LITTLE VILLAGE GARDENERS COALITION  
PRESENTS...

## LITTLE VILLAGE SEED SWAP

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH  
2PM-4PM

WHERE: AMOR DE DIOS METHODIST CHURCH  
2356 S SAWYER AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60623

