

# **THE CITY of SANTA CRUZ LOCAL CONTROL, PESTICIDE AND CHEMICAL TRESPASS ORDINANCE**

*This Ordinance is based on **The Declaration of Independence** which declares that we have **certain inalienable rights**, and on the **California Constitution** which declares that among those rights is our **right to safety**. (Article 1, Section 1)*

## **What the Ordinance Does:**

- Bans Corporations from engaging in the bulk application of pesticides **by any means** within City limits;
- Bans persons and government agencies from using corporations to engage in the bulk application of pesticides within the City limits;
- Establishes strict liability and burden of proof standards for chemical trespass;
- Empowers residents to defend the rights of natural communities and ecosystems;
- Asserts the fundamental and inalienable right of the people of the City of Santa Cruz to govern ourselves in the community where we live.
- Allows for the continuation of the City of Santa Cruz Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program.

## **The Ordinance Does Not:**

- Ban individuals from applying pesticides **on their private property**;
- Ban individuals from using corporations to engage in the application of pesticides **on their private property**.

