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Breaking News: Jennifer and Jason Can Keep Their Garden!

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Here's the good news coming out of Orlando. Once again, KGI members thousands of petition signatures and emails seem to have made the difference. Many thanks for all you signed, wrote and believed!

Original Post:

Stop me if you think you've heard this one before. A bright, responsible family decides to do and chew the right thing by growing their own kitchen garden. And they decide to do it where they have the best growing conditions which just happens to be in their front yard. They transform an unproductive and unremarkable space into something lush, attractive and inviting, but instead of receiving a commendation for their efforts, they're issued a code violation citation and a date to report before a code enforcement board.

The gardeners in question are Jason and Jennifer Helvenston of College Park, Orlando, Florida who have been ordered by local officials to remove their front yard vegetable garden or face the consequences. What makes their case particularly maddening is that they're being cited at a time when Orlando's Mayor is touting the city's environmental credentials through a new public information campaign. Please help us protect their right to garden by doing one or more of the following:

1. Send a personal email to Orlando officials here (link works for most email clients): http://is.gd/walk_the_green_talk [1]
2. Sign our Causes.com petition here (requires installing a facebook app): http://www.causes.com/orlandofrontyardgardens [2]
3. Retweet this tweet: https://twitter.com/rogerdoiron/status/268092737004384256 [3]
4.

Watch and share the video below.

Jason and Jennifer are required to report before the Orlando Code Enforcement Board next month. Let's let the Board know that we have their back!

Image (optional):

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