4th National Forum Agenda
Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 • Los Angeles
The Westin Bonaventure Los Angeles, 404 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles,

Moderators: Nora Goldstein, BioCycle, @BioCycleMag
Brenda Platt, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, @ILSR @PlattBrenda

Part 1
8:15 – 9:45 AM
Community Composting: Distributed, Diverse, and Growing
Welcome from ILSR and BioCycle
Overview & Introduction to Community Composting (interactive polling)

Forum Keynote: Empowering Neighborhoods Through Compost, Michael Martinez, LA Compost, @LACompost

Panel: Community Composters Drive Local Programs
This panel will showcase how community composters bring public attention to composting and the potential partnerships. Commercial scale composters and haulers – along with local government – will learn the benefit of these programs and how to support/partner with community-based efforts.
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Presenters:
Sustaining Business through Collaboration, Philadelphia
Jennifer Mastalerz, Philly Compost, @TheCompostCoop
Tim Bennett, Bennett Compost, @BennettCompost, Philadelphia
Connecting Composting to Creating Jobs in Marginalized Communities
David Paull, Compost Wheels, @compostwheels, Atlanta
Bike-Powered Collection Spurs Community Participation
Dustin Fedako, Compost Pedallers, @compedallers, Austin

Part 2
2:30 – 4 PM
Panel Discussion:
Supporting a Distributed Composting Infrastructure: Dollars and Rules
This panel will address the importance of local and state financing and policies to the development of a diverse and distributed composting infrastructure that includes community scale operations. How can state agencies such as CalRecycle’s create funding incentives to support community composters? How can local government revisit districting rules to allow for community composters to compete? What local governments are already financing and supporting community scale composting?
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Panelists:
Bridget Anderson, Deputy Commissioner for Recycling and Sustainability, NYC Dept. of Sanitation, @NYCzerowaste
Michael Martinez, LA Compost, @LACompost
Christina Oatfield, Sustainable Economies Law Center, @TheSELC, Oakland
Kendra Bones, Commissioner, Austin Resource Recovery, @austinrecycles, Austin
Kyle Pogue, CalRecycle, @CalRecycle
Chris Hunt, ReFED and formerly with Grace Communications Foundation, @refed_nowaste
Healdsburg, CA

Closing Remarks