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THE GARDEN

a film by Scott Hamilton Kennedy



FREE

Snacks & soft drinks allowed in

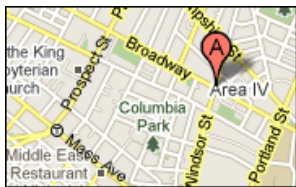
Door prizes

UPandOUT 3rd Thursdays, free film series

Showing Thursday, Jul 17

6:40pm doors open
7pm film starts promptly

243 Broadway, Cambridge
corner of Broadway & Windsor, entrance on Windsor



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[how the financial crisis was built on a foundation of criminal activity]

The Garden

[80 min]

S The 14-acre community garden in South Central Los Angeles is the largest of its kind in the US. Started as a form of healing after the devastating L.A. riots in 1992, the South Central Farmers created a miracle in one of the country's most blighted neighborhoods. Growing food. Feeding their families. Creating a community.

y But now, bulldozers are poised to level their 14-acre oasis. *The Garden* follows the plight of the farmers, from the tilled soil of this urban farm to the polished marble of City Hall. Mostly immigrants from Latin America, from countries where they feared for their lives if they were to speak out, we watch them organize, fight back, and demand answers:

n Why was the land sold to a wealthy developer for millions less than fair-market value? Why was the transaction done in a closed-door session of the LA City Council? And not made public?

o If everyone told you nothing more could be done, would you give up?

"The Garden exposes the fault lines in American society and raises crucial and challenging questions about liberty, equality, and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable among us. As the battle lines are drawn between this group of low-income families struggling to protect a 14-acre urban farm against a backdrop of grey and hardened skyscrapers, their cause became an international sensation that drew the attention of numerous notable activists and politicians, including Dennis Kucinich, Joan Baez, Danny Glover, and Willie Nelson."

"Hola, Mr. Mayor. This is Joan Baez calling from the garden."

"From the ashes of the L.A. riots arose a lush, 14-acre community garden, the largest of its kind in the US. Now bulldozers threaten its future. 'The Garden' shows how the American dream can go awry when it clashes with the American way of doing politics."