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The past three years have been truly transformative for me. In early 2012, I came back home to Santa Ana from completing a Master's Degree in Native American Studies at UC Davis. Like many college graduates, I was unemployed and broke so I got involved in the Jerome Park Community Garden. Partly to get some greens for my family and partly to just have a good time with my younger siblings, this space send me off in the journey that I am in today, which is to promote urban agriculture and sustainability in my community. I am doing this by supportive various groups. I am currently an ally to the Youth Empowerment Network (YEN) who is implementing a composting program and are participants in a Microfarm implementation project. I am also a worker-owner of the Cooperativa Tierra y Dignidad where we carry out ecological home improvement projects in residences.

