

## Manny Preciado

Manny Preciado is a first-year Masters student in urban and regional planning with a focus in environmental policy. As an urban planner, he wants to utilize urban farming as a means to help revitalize communities, provide communities healthy food at a low cost, assist communities to reconnect with nature, and create spaces that communities can be proud of and participate in. He is especially interested in trans-border collaboration between San Diego County in the United States and Baja Mexico on binational projects. One of his goals as an urban planner is to implement urban gardening as a tool to help build healthy and sustainable communities, particularly in low-income areas. Manny is currently the Global Food Initiative fellow at UC Irvine working on the UCI garden project and other projects geared towards food justice through the Global Sustainability Resource Center.

