DRAFT FSTF Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2022

Members Present: Michelle Kim (Department of Children, Youth and Their Families); Tiffany Kearney (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Hannah Smith (San Francisco Unified School District); Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency); Meredith Terrell; Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Paula Jones (SFDPH- Food Security); Priti Rane (SFDPH – Maternal Child and Adolescent Health); Raegan Sales (Children's Council of San Francisco), Cissie Bonini (Vouchers4Veggies/EatSF)

Also Present: Leah Walton (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Sara Draper-Zivetz (The SF Market); Veronica Shepard (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); DeJanelle Bovell (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); La Rhonda Reddic (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Lea Troeh (UCSF); Michael Pon (UCSF); Earl Campbell Barbee (Glide Meals Program); Anthony Khalil (BVHP Community Advocates); Anthony Olubiyi; Carolyn Lasar (The SF Market); Ellen Garcia (Vouchers4Veggies/EatSF); Geoffrea Morris (Project Consultant to Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services); Greycy Portillo (Meals on Wheels San Francisco); Jade Quizon (API Council); Janna Cordeiro (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Kelly Gaherty (SF Environment); Kim Wong (SFDPH – CHEP/Soda Tax Grants); Maggie Shugerman (D10 Liaison with BVHP Advocates & BVHP Multipurpose Senior Services); Marianne Szeto (SFDPH – CHEP/SF ShapeUp Coalition); Roxanne Siebert; Stephanie Won (Leah's Pantry); Tiffany Dang (Department of Disability and Aging Services);

	Agenda	Discussion	Action Items
1.	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 1:35pm.	None.
2.	Land	Cissie Bonini recited the Land Acknowledgement.	None.
	Acknowledgement		
3.	Welcome, member	Cissie read the roll call, and other meeting attendees introduced themselves in the	None.
	roll call,	chat.	
	introductions, Cissie		
	Bonini (Chair,		
	EatSF/Vouchers4Veg		
	gies)		
4.	Approval of minutes	Raegan Sales (Children's Council of SF) moved to approve Michelle Kim (DCYF)	November Meeting
	from November 2,	seconded the motion. No opposed or abstentions. Meeting minutes passed as is.	Minutes to be posted
	2022		to the FSTF site.
5.	General Public	Geoffrea Morris announced two community meetings coming up; information will be	Geoffrea Morris will
	Comment	shared with the listserv.	connect with Paula

		Jones to share
		meeting information.
6. Presentation - The City and County of San Francisco's Edible Food Recovery Capacity Study — Summary of Findings, Kelly Gaherty (SF Environment)	 Food Security Task Force: SB 1383 Update Kelly thanked the task force for inviting her. She is the Commercial Zero Waste Assistant Coordinator at San Francisco Environment Department. She reminded everyone that she had presented to the group in October of 2021, regarding a new state law called SB 1383 went into effect in January 2022. Part of this law required food services businesses to donate surplus food to food recovery organizations rather than throw it away/compost it in order to prevent food waste, feed the local community, and reduce green-house gas emissions. Kelly shared a slide showing the flow of mandated edible food recovery in San Francisco. There are Tier 1 and Tier 2 bubbles – these make up 12 categories of businesses who are required to donate food, create contractual agreements with the food recovery organizations they donate to and track their donations. SFE has identified roughly 800+ businesses in those two categories. Food Recovery Organizations accept donations, redistribute food to the community, and are required to report data of their annual lbs. of edible food recovered to the City and County which SFE then reports to the state. SFE and DPH are ensuring implementation, compliance, and SFE is providing grants via Cal Recycle. The definitions are coming. September 2021-February 2022: Capacity Analysis Study As required by the state law, SF Environment conducted a capacity analysis study to try to better understand the universe of food waste and food donations in the city. Understanding the amount of food that was going to waste via businesses, the amount of capacity food recovery organizations must take in additional surplus food, and more. They surveyed the ~400 Food Recovery Organizations (FROs) and ~800 Tier 1 Generators, through online surveys via google forms, conducted follow up emails, in depth phone calls, and site visits. Responses proved to be a very difficult. We ended up reaching	meeting information. Post presentation and report to the FSTF website.

- May 2022: SF Environment established a partnership with Department of Public Health to assist with SB 1383 implementation and compliance checks. Because DPH's Environmental Health Branch conducts annual food permit inspections to majority of the businesses who are required to comply, they have included a customized inspection report to address food recovery compliance. DPH conducts the inspections and if businesses need further education, resources, or assistance finding a food recovery partner, they refer the businesses to SFE for follow up.
- Working with Businesses to Achieve Compliance: In July of 2022: San Francisco
 adopted a local edible food recovery ordinance that only included what was
 mandated by the state ordinance and did not put in extra reporting
 requirements in like other jurisdictions are. Passing a local ordinance allows SFE
 to take enforcement action on businesses who are not donating food, do not
 have contractual agreements with the food recovery organizations, and who do
 not track their donations or on food recovery organizations who are not
 properly reporting.
- Although there is an enforcement mechanism, this law is new for businesses, food recovery orgs, and our jurisdiction as well. SFE does not plan to take enforcement action this time but has been focusing their efforts on education and technical assistance including educating businesses on the benefits of donating food such as preventing waste, feeding the community, and tax benefits. SFE is encouraging businesses to focus on better procurement practices to prevent food waste from the source. They provide technical assistance to match businesses with the right local food recovery organizations. SFE stresses the importance of donating nutritious, high-quality foods and culturally relevant foods we do not want donation dumping to occur and burden the food recovery organizations who are doing the work to redistribute the food and feed the community.
- Food Recovery Organizations: SFE conducted a capacity analysis study. Part of
 this study was to identify food recovery services and organizations who have
 capacity to accept additional donations from donors and are interested in
 developing new partnerships with donors. SFE has compiled a living document
 that is consistently updated with over 67 food waste prevention
 resources/technology services, transportation services, food recovery services

- who can coordinate pick-ups and drop offs of donated food, and local organizations who can take more food. They also developed a map so donors can visually see which food recovery organizations are closest to them and for food recovery organizations to see what other partners that may be able to take food if they don't have capacity at that time or if the food is not culturally relevant to their organization. It is to be used as a resource to find other resources. Kelly and her consultants are providing technical assistance to match donors to food recovery organizations near-by who have capacity to accept additional donations and develop new partnerships with donors.
- Recommendations from Capacity Analysis Summary: Continuing our focus on education, outreach, and technical assistance; held a press conference about The Citys work on edible food recovery; Worked with Food Runners to get them to agree to sign contracts with donors and improve ability to track donations. They are in the process of finalizing our self-reporting form for food recovery organizations to report their pounds of edible food recovered annually (this will be sent out online in 2023) to the state of California. People will follow up with phone calls and on-site visits.

The City and County of San Francisco's Edible Food Recovery Capacity Study

- San Francisco has been preparing for SB1383 since 2019, when it received a \$500,000 grant to test software that matches food businesses with excess to food recovery organizations like food pantries. The city also used the funds to buy equipment to help organizations handle the expected extra food, such as a new forklift purchased for the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank. 2019-2022 grant resulted in rescuing over 3 million pounds of food, or about 2.5 million meals. In 2022, SFE received another round of grant funding from CalRecycle they have a very similar model to support specific partnerships between SB 1383 donors and food recovery services/organizations. Businesses or Food Recovery organizations can apply (although it is not an application) with a specific donor they want to work with, the cost per pick up, etc. and SFE will distribute funds equitably to support these partnerships. SFE hopes this can help with the financial burden of coordinating donations and transportation.
 - In 2023, SFE is focusing on using their Tier 2 list to understand which generators need to comply starting 2024. They will work on outreach and education

through 2023 to ensure they are prepared for 2024 when Part 2 takes effect. Additionally, the self-reporting form for food recovery organization and services will go live in 2023. This creates an easy system for FRO/FRS to report their pounds of edible food recovered directly from donors. The data will help in the following years. Half of the businesses don't need to comply until 2024. SFE will be conducting outreach to the ~400 FRO/FRS through online outreach, phone calls and site visits to ensure they complete their reporting requirements before their deadlines.

Infrastructure Recommendations:

- Create a position within SFE to carry out this work consistently
- Create a feedback loop for quality of food/donation dumping hold donors accountable and remove burden from FROs
- Conduct outreach to help FROs determine how to reduce the amount of food they cannot use
- Provide grants to enable FRO to acquire the resources and equipment needed to increase and improve donations
- Inventory potential unused resources within the city such as refrigerator and freezer space and refrigerated vehicles from other businesses
- From the capacity analysis study, there is a list of other recommendations SFE hopes to focus on once we get the handle on complying with the first year(s) of SB 1383 regulations and working on Tier 2 implementation. Kelly then asked for feedback on the recommendations and which ones to prioritize. She also asked what additional recommendations the task force may have.

Kelly asked if anyone knows about any available Food Recovery Organizations (FROs) to add to the map referenced in the presentation, please let her know. Also, please let her know of any businesses or food recovery organizations that they can support please send them to Kelly Gaherty (SF Environment).

FSTF Member Comments:

Meredith Terrell: Thank you, there was a lot of great information. I thought it was fantastic to see initial grants to help set up internal systems. Has there been discussion of the costs to keep up with this? Kelly Gaherty (SF Environment): We talk about it often, there is no solution yet. Food orgs feel overly burdened by the requests and the donors should take on more of the costs. Discussions around how to sustain this work is important and we haven't gotten to a solution. Fee for service could be a solution but we know there is an inconsistency of business types. Maybe the larger grocery stores can make it work, the smaller corporations and mom and pop grocery stores may not be able to keep up.

Meredith Terrell: Has there been talk about the organizational costs around green waste dumping? Will they work with Recology to discuss reduced fees or waivers? Kelly Gaherty (SF Environment) responded: No, not yet but those are great points. We say it's unfortunate as the dump can be utilized. Our focus in 2023 is reconnecting with food recovery organizations.

Anne Quaintance (Conard House): Thanks for the presentation! Have you thought of incentives for businesses that are required to donate? I think the law is great, I'm thinking about the language and how it's being discussed. Kelly Gaherty (SF Environment) responded: We try to frame it as beneficial as possible. Beyond the tax, social good, environmental good, and grants available, let me know if you have other ideas for how to incentivize. Anne Quaintance (Conard House): I can send you some stuff.

Cissie Bonini (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies): Do you know how our already existing infrastructure to receive the food in San Francisco compares to other counties? Although the data was very extrapolated, the Capacity Analysis stated that unlike other counties that don't have enough capacity, we found that there is enough capacity take in additional food. Over the next 1-3 years we will have a better understanding of our capacity. Cissie Bonini asked: There's a great expense to using recovered foods. There's a lot of products that goes into rescued food and costs that go into composting. Is there discussion of extra costs being provided to organizations if they must start to compost more? Will there be any ability for organizations to get financial relief? Kelly G (SF Environment) responded: We know this is occurring, but we don't know what the costs

is yet. As we do more work, we will have a better understanding of how to find relief for organizations if possible.

Paula Jones (SFDPH Food Security): Thank you for reporting. Is there a resource available for the public? Where is it? Kelly Gaherty (SF Environment) added a link to the chat for additional resources: https://sfenvironment.org/sb-1383.

Geoffrea Morris (Project Consultant to BVHP Multipurpose Senior Services) added to the chat: "Three Things: can you provide your contacts for some of us that would like to follow up with your afterward? Secondly, does Paula have your slides so that she can send them to the group after meeting. Third question, can you put a link to the report that you were referencing from?" Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security) responded in the chat, "Thanks Geoffrea. We will post Kelly's slides on the FSTF website. The Report will be on there too (it's not on there yet but will be by Friday). I can also send it to you Geoffrea."

Priti Rane (SFDPH- WIC) commented in the chat: KG: "[A] big part of education is focusing on telling the stores they should be donating food of high nutritional value. Stress the importance of high-quality donations. The organizations don't want the junk, they are coming for nutritious food. Is there any thought put around nutrition and health implication of this work -both positive or negative?"

Cissie Bonnie (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies) added: Even salty foods need to be controlled. Kelly Gaherty (SF Environment) responded with the following: Food donation best practices food is on our website we will continue. If you have any recommendations, we will be updating that document in 2023.

Carolyn Lasar asked in chat: Can you define what you mean by capacity? Kelly Gaherty (SF Environment) responded: It is a weird way to analyze food waste.

Tiffany Kearney (DAS): To piggy-back on Cissie and Priti's comments, the clients we serve at DAS are high risk for food-born illness, have disease issues with sugar, sodium, and other things. In some ways, I'm concerned, and I hope this presents an opportunity

	to awareness and education in public health across the board. Kelly Gaherty (SF	
	Environment) shared the following contact information and thanks: Thank you.	
	Kelly.gaherty@sfgov.org; (415)355-3768	
	Public Comment: Incorporated above	
7. Food Empowerment Market update, Geoffrea Morris (Project Consultant to Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services), Anthony Khalil (Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates)	Public Comment: Incorporated above Geoffrea Morris (Project Consultant to Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services): Introduced Maggie Shugerman, our D10 Food and Engagement Liaison. Maggie Shugerman worked for Meals on Wheels and is happy to stay in the Bayview supporting the Food Empowerment Market (FEM). There will be Community Meetings on Friday 12/16/22 and Monday 12/19/2022; Paula Jones has the flyer and will send it to the email list. Anthony Khalil (Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates): I'm happy to be here, addressing food insecurity and improving food sovereignty. Shoutout to Chester Williams and his team. Anthony Khalil is currently working at the BVHP Produce Terminal Warehouse and the BVHP Community Advocates are the main supplier to the Food Empowerment Market. They will be moving to a new site to improve their team's capacity and ability to serve. This will help District 10 provide discounted sales channels offered. Anthony Khalil also wanted to provide a warm welcome to Maggie Shugerman. She will join operations on-site to understand the ins and outs of operating the FEM market. The major update in the new year is the BVHP Advocates will be moving to the old Good Egg Site. This highlights a larger problem of how the benefits and burden of our work are not shared equally. I would like to celebrate these new collective resources, starting with those most near and impacted. Anne Quaintance (Conard House) asked: Is the Lucky's open? Anthony Khalil (BVHP Advocates): Yes. We are working with Naomi Kelly, and President of Board of Supervisors, Shamman Walton, and the store management to bridge the connection between this mega corporation and the D10 community. This is also about hiring	Paula Jones to disperse BVHP Food Empowerment Market community meeting event flyers.
	practices so Anthony Khalil will be connecting with Reggie, the Bayview Lucky's store manager, on ways to collaborate and avoid being a bottleneck for how they can serve all BVHP. Anthony Khalil asks everyone to put pressure on the company to ensure they are indeed acting like a good neighbor.	
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	Veronica Shepard (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity) added to the chat: Lucky's has been a great resource in our community as I've shopped there many times. It's very responsive to the cultural food needs of this community and I'm glad we have this corporation in the Bayview. Good job Anthony, Geoffrea and all the partners involved in bringing them here. Geoffrea Morris shared: [I have been] hearing feedback that they are on the more expensive side but when we [the Bayview FEM] open, Lucky's will be one of our food sources.	
	Anthony Khalil (BVHP Advocates): How can they partner is a better question. One request has been, what does it mean to be a good partner for folks dealing with chronic disease? Food recovery is not one-size fits all. We will bring them to the neighborhood. There are other aspects of workforce development we want to work on, and there are barriers around price and accessibility. We are taking a few new steps for working with an institution that recently moved into the neighborhood.	
	Anthony Olubiyi asked in the chat: Is the FEM open to the public yet? Is there a timeline for opening? Geoffrea Morris (Project Consultant for BVHP Multipurpose Senior Services) responded: It is not open to the public yet. We will have more feedback in the January FSTF meeting.	
8. Applications for FSTF membership submitted by Jade Quizon, Austin Dalmasso, Earl Barbee Campbell	Cissie Bonini (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies) stated: We put out a request for applications and have received 3. Two of the applicants were present and asked to speak about their application. The third applicant was not able to stay for the entire meeting. Jade Quizon (API Council): Thank you for considering me to join the task force. My personal connection to the city is that I was born and raised here, and I have a deep loyalty to the city and all residents. I am committed to making sure everyone thrives and needs are met. There should be representation for conversations and solutions. API Council is 55 members strong, the largest in the city. Our members provide a full range of health services, and we reach many residents in SF. We have a strong fleet of organizations in our council and close ties to our community.	All nominations will be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board.
	Earl Barbee Campbell (Glide Meals Program): I am a program manager at Glide, working on food insecurity and access right now. In our meals program we serve the community	

in need, and I'd like to affect change in a way more than just serving meals. I feel I can contribute my experiences in Glide and research. We've been preparing 5000 bags of food 1,500 meals to serve a day. I'd partner my experience with community to policy and action. I appreciate the time and am always looking to help the community in any way we can.

Austin Dalmasso has applied and was on the meeting earlier but had to leave early. He works with the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) as part of the Healthy Retail team and have become intimately connected with the Tenderloin neighborhood and its issues.

FSTF Member Questions:

Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign): To all the applicants, given your background and experiences, what do you feel you can bring to the task force that will enhance your community and other communities across the city?

Jade Quizon (API Council) responded to the question: Part of what we're doing in this work is new to the API council. We are working to understand where the API council can fit into the SF food eco-system. I interned for the Food Security Task Force under Paula Jones and interviewed Food Policy Councils across the country and discussed policies at multiple levels with leaders across the county. I performed a landscape analysis of food access in the API council and I'm continuing to do more mapping to find all the food programs throughout the city.

Earl Barbee Campbell (Glide) responded to the question: A lot of my experience I bring with me to contribute will be from working at Glide on a daily basis. I am among community members every day to find out what people really need. Reducing these problems starts with hearing from the community what solutions that should be tried. I have a background in research on food insecurity and infrastructure to help get to the root of the problem. I'm here to serve.

Michelle Kim (DCYF) shared the following: I appreciate all candidates for putting themselves out there and hearing the different viewpoints. I have no questions for Jade

Quizon since I remember who you are. A question for later: The applicants said they didn't live in the city, but they check marked that they did. Do we need to follow up with Austin D? My question for Earl Barbee Campbell: How did you learn about the FSTF? I noticed you've never been to a meeting.

Earl Barbee Campbell (Glide): I graduated about 4 months ago, and in October I was forwarded an email from Paula Jones about the task force by my director. This is my first time being exposed to the FSTF through work though as there were conflicts in coming to prior meetings. I have asked Paula Jones to share more about the position expectations. I will only continue If I feel I can commit.

Public Comments: N/A

Voting:

Paula Jones (SFDPH- Food Security): In accordance with our ordinance, the FSTF will vote to nominate each applicant to the BOS. The nominations will be forwarded to the BOS Rules Committee for their consideration.

FSTF Member Votes for Jade Quizon: Yes: 12 Abstentions: 0
FSTF Member Votes for Earl Campbell Barbee: Yes: 11 Abstentions: 0
FSTF Member Votes for Austin Dalmasso's: Yes: 8 Abstentions: 1

Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security): All applications received a majority of the votes so I will be forwarding these applications to the BOS. Thank you for everybody for your patience and working with us.

Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security): In our last vote for Austin Dalmasso, we had a majority of FSTF members present vote yes, so, we will forward his application to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Cissie Bonini (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies) then asked: Can we ask Austin Dalmasso to present in the next meeting? Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security) responded: Yes.

 Discussion on FSTF 2023 Recommendations, Cissie Bonini (Chair -Vouchers 4 Veggies/EatSF) Cissie Bonini (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies) shared updates from last meeting and gave thanks to Meredith Terrell and other FSTF members for helping write up the recommendations.

Please share pictures that we can use to Paula Jones

Quick Review of Process: We're presenting in this meeting the final graphic design will be disseminated in January.

2023 Recommendations Overview: Actional Recommendations table not able to fit into this final document but can be a supplemental document. FSTF team is still flushing out the details of that table in meetings.

Current Landscape Items: Documents are coming along; some data we're using are: RAPID survey (DCYF & Stanford) • Food Bank, SNAP, WIC, SFUSD (20% increase)
Observed from data: • People of color disproportionately impacted by food insecurity • Middle class & food insecurity • Food insufficiency rates among families with children.

The 2022 FSTF recommendations will be incorporated into 5-7 themes and next steps. 2022 Local Recommendations: There will be small tweaks, but the FSTF will be moving forward with the listed recommendations. There is often overlapped of opportunities and needs so we will incorporate into 5-7 major themes/priorities. May have an actionable item chart for BOS. Additional details can be found on the PowerPoint.

- 1. Support funding structures that promote a holistic approach to food and nutrition security in San Francisco.
- 2. Eliminate barriers and invest strategically in neighborhoods where structural racism and disinvestment have led to low access to healthy and culturally relevant food.
- 3. Increase coordination of local governments' programs and policies related to food systems.
- 4. Elevate the community's voice and participation in the development and implementation of food policy.
- 5. Engage the Health and Housing Sectors around Food Security
- 6. Other: Working on incorporating bullet points in the above 5 groups

It is to be noted that the 2022 State and Federal Recommendations will not be included in 2023 Recommendations PDF but the task force may consider adding it as a supplemental document.

Anne Quaintance (Conard House) asked: I see why you're not including state and federal recommendations. I just thought I would mention that the government level discussion is concerned about the upcoming recession and CalAIMMedi-Cal. Meredith Terrell (FSTF Member): It's not called out here but both CalAIM and Medical programs are called out under the threats section. Anne Quaintance (Conard House): That's fine but I hear people are looking for state interventions this time around so I thought it would be beneficial to call out today.

Raegan Sales (Children's Council of SF): I would still like to have a version of the federal and state recommendations to still refer to. The Children's Council doesn't have a direct line to the Board of Supervisors. We go through the Mayor's Office or SFDPH. Since non-profits don't have a direct line to the Board of Supervisors, it would be helpful to have that information, so things don't get lost. Cissie Bonini (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies) responded: Is it ok if it's a separate document? Raegan Sales (Children's Council of SF): Yes. Condensing the local recommendations makes sense to me.

Cissie Bonini (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies): Please let us know if you have photos that you want us to include. Please send photos to Paula Jones ASAP. Geoffrey Grief (SF Recovery Theatre): What kind of photos do you want? Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security): Design is always tricky with photos as we can't have other orgs logos in them; we want 1-2 photos that are reflective of the SF community. We understand that is a lot of work. Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre) responded: I'll send some photos for your review. Raegan Sales (Children's Council of SF) asked: Is there a process for photo release? Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security) responded: We assume we have already been given full release from their organizations to use the photos sent to us.

Michelle Kim (DCFY): There's speculation on if we can share photos. I'm not sure if each non-profit has a communications team but it is important to check if there are photo release forms on file with your organization's HR team. What is the deadline for these

	 photos? Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security) responded: Please send me the photos ASAP. Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security) Presented Suggestions for "Looks &Feel": Layout 1st Option: Simple to read, calling out data that tells a story, and having a spot for resident voices. Layout 2nd Option: Space for call outs, not a lot of unnecessary graphics, food Cover 1: Red Golden Gate Bridge Cover 2: Blue Golden Gate Bridge Raegan Sales (Children's Council of SF) commented: The cover 2 with the blue Golden Gate Bridge background looks like dark times, ominous. Jeimil Belamide (HSA) shared in the chat: I agree with Raegan. Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre) shared in the chat: Show me more color. Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security) responded to feedback: We will go for the more colorful palette. Cissie Bonini (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies) added: With regards to the timeline for those folks working in city departments, we will start to set up times for meetings with your representatives. We will be setting up a time after the first week of January. If FSTF members want to get on their calendars now it would be incredibly helpful. Hannah Smith (SFUSD) added to the chat: I'm sorry if I missed this, is there a draft of the recommendations to review? Cissie Bonini (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies) responded: Hannah Smith, we will get back to you. Public Comment: N/A 	
10. Food Security Task	Jeimil Belamide (HSA):	As stated.
Force member	CalFresh Updates	
updates	 SF CalFresh Caseload increased since September 	
	o 73,349 households	
	o 100,894 individuals	
	CF Policy Updates	

- The CalFresh Emergency Allotment gives extra CalFresh benefits up to the maximum CalFresh benefit amount for their household size, it was approved for December and will be available on EBT cards in mid-January 2023. The month-to-month approval of these extra benefits is related to the existing COVID19 public health emergency declaration by the federal government. Upon declaration that the COVID 19 public health emergency is over, it is likely the approval of the Emergency Allotment supplement will cease. We are monitoring as it will impact people's food purchasing power.
- CalFresh Administrative Waivers related to the COVID19 public health emergency that allows counties to waive the interview requirement of CalFresh applications and recertification is set to expire on 12/31/2022.
 Colleagues at state level, The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), is currently in the process of submitting an application to the federal government for extension of that waiver beyond the 12/31/2022 expiration date.
- Paula Jones (SFDPH Food Security): It seems like California's decision to end
 the emergency in the new year will impact the emergency allotments. Jeimil
 Belamide (HSA) responded: This is something the federal government controls;
 I'm not sure how the state's decision will affect this. We are awaiting
 communication from CDSS.
- Cissie Bonini (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies): It would be helpful to know who is
 most impacted by this anticipated change. We're trying to figure out how to
 communicate this information to our communities. Isn't WIC waiting on the
 approval? Priti Rane (SFDPH WIC) responded: Our increased amount allotted
 for food and vegetables end on December 16, 2022. We hope it will be
 extended for at least another 6-months, but it is a frustrating experience.

Raegan Sales (Children's Council of SF): We have received a small grant to implement the FSTF screener in some of our intake processes. We're transitioning into childcare food boxes that they serve in-care. This is a new realm for Childrens Council. We are looking to work with food hubs, local farms, or CSA programs to provide regular produce delivery to about 20 sites. Please shoot me an email if interested. We are

	trying to solidify a partnership quickly to get started in February 2023. Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security) responded: I'll send you an email with some ideas.	
11. Adjournment	Meeting concluded at 3:28pm	None.