

Reimagining Food Coordination Subcommittee Update

FSTF GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Updates from 2nd Meeting: October 24th

Appointed 5 subcommittee members

- Chester Williams
- Irene Garcia
- Cissie Bonini
- John McCormick
- Ellen Garcia



Reviewed project charter + extended project timeline

- Recommendations for new food coordination body will be presented to Food Security Task Force in April 2024, instead of February 2024
- Justification for the extension is to accommodate consultant availability and upcoming holidays

Provided brief update from meeting with Los Angeles Food Equity Roundtable

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Started to review criteria list and made edits

- FSTF will vote on and rank criteria in December 2023

Next Steps

- Subcommittee will continue to refine criteria list
- Schedule meetings with food organizing structures from other cities/counties
 - Scheduled: Los Angeles Food Equity Roundtable, Chicago Food Policy Action Council, NY Mayor's Office of Food Policy
 - Others?

Criteria	Definition
Creates opportunities for people to grow their own food and encourages local food production	Educational opportunities, fosters self-reliance
Networking	Facilitate access to information about what works and how to communicate better
Ensures consistent funding to support community-led ideas/solutions/innovations	Includes Food vouchers
Reduces silos across city agencies	How well a food organizing body promotes collaboration and coordination between various organizations, both within and outside city boundaries, to create a more holistic and integrated approach to addressing food-related issues. Ex: Housing, Transportation
Addresses resources and information is accessible and offered in a culturally-appropriate way	Includes language accessibility
Addresses food sourcing and worker's rights	Prioritizes and supports action to ensure fair labor practices and ethical sourcing in the production, distribution, and supply chains of food products, promoting the welfare of food industry workers and the sustainability of food sources.
Ensures infrastructure is set up to support the movement and cooking of food	Should be able to address a variety of issues and ideas, such as community kitchen space, community markets, community-owned grocery co-ops.
Able to assess current status of food (in)security -> Assess the current status of food (in)security	The ability to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the existing conditions and factors related to food security. This includes the ability to gather information about food insecurity from a wide range of sources and stakeholders ensuring a holistic understanding of food security. Sources can include, but not limited to, government agencies, community based organizations, academia, and individuals with lived experiences of food insecurity.
Able to influence budget priorities	The ability to effectively shape and direct the allocation of financial resources in a way that reflects food sovereignty/justice values and supports community-led solutions.
Able to influence local policies and regulation related to food	The ability to effectively shape and impact the development, implementation, and enforcement of local policies, laws, and regulations that pertain to various aspects of the food system, including production, distribution, access, and sustainability.