

FSTF 2024 Recommendations Update

Food Security Task Force Meeting, 2.7.24

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Timeline

- **February 2:** FSTF Special Meeting – Preparing Recommendations
- **Mid to late February:** Draft recommendations
- **March 6:** Present final draft recommendations at FSTF meeting
- **Mid-March:** Final 2024 Recommendations to be published
- **Q4 (April – June):** Schedule and meet with Directors and Board of Supervisors

Format & Design

- Shorten Recommendations this year, to about 4 pages
- Actionable and specific recommendations
- Not including federal and state recommendations
- Design to be not text-heavy
- Have text be broken up with quotes, images, sidebar/s with case study
- Include data visuals

Context/ Key Messages

- Despite historic funding levels for food, **food insecurity and health disparities are the highest they've ever been**
- Cost of food and living has skyrocketed, need for food remains higher than ever
- Food security is a problem that existed before the pandemic
- Shift narrative from emphasizing the pandemic's cuts to the need and impact, and what this means health-wise
- Consider how to compare 2023 Recommendations to actual outcomes/current reality

Feedback & Discussion

- Is there anything else we want to include?
- Is there anything we should remove?

Proposed Recommendations

- Continue dedicating funding to food security
- Increase the number and size of programs focused on health equity
- Prioritize funding to populations in neighborhoods that suffer the highest impact of health disparities
- Focus on a holistic approach and invest in anti-poverty programs like Universal Basic Income, cash payments, launching pilot programs
- Surface inequities across programs – need to collect more data on why there are differences in costs per unit for programs and whether this is equitably allocated
- Collect data on how many people are still food insecure after receiving services
- Framing food as a human right

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Need Stories & Quotes

- What are some challenges that communities are facing?
- What are stories or quotes we can include to highlight the impact of budget cuts, the high cost of living, etc. that tie back to the recommendations?
- What are some positive stories or quotes that tie back to the recommendations or show how funding, coordination and collaboration, etc. improved food security?

Next Steps

- Eric Chan to draft content, working with Raegan Sales and Hannah Grant
- Working with graphic designer to design look and feel