

2022 DC Food Policy Priorities





1.

Decrease food insecurity and promote health equity among the most at-risk populations identified in OP 2021
Update on Food Access & Food Security in the District of Columbia, including Black and Latinx residents, families with children, and seniors.

Projects:

- × Convene and engage residents on the No Senior Hungry Omnibus Act of 2021. **Food Access & Equity**
- × *Develop and recommend a comprehensive "School Meals for All" policy. **Nutrition & Health, Food Access & Equity**
- × *Recommend comprehensive reform for Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) and evidence-based lifestyle programs for diet-related diseases, to potentially include: Medicaid coverage, technical assistance for community-based Registered Dietitians, pipelines for BIPOC Registered Dietitians, and expansion of MNT access. **Nutrition & Health**
- × Recommend policies to enhance and expand nutrition education for DC residents based on the DC Nutrition Education Landscape Assessment conducted by Howard University. **Nutrition & Health**

*The * identifies a new priority/project.*



2.

Increase support for DC small food businesses, with a focus on BIPOC-led (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) food businesses, organizations, and entrepreneurs.

Projects:

- × Increase awareness of funding opportunities for BIPOC-led food businesses and entrepreneurs, including the Nourish DC Collaborative. **All working groups**
- × *Share resources and recommend streamlining licensing regulations for small food businesses. **Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs**
- × *Support entrepreneurs moving to brick and mortar through resource sharing, policy recommendations, and leveraging District funds towards ownership. **Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs**
- × *Recommend policy change(s) to create a pathway to ownership for urban farmers, with a focus on BIPOC farmers. (Urban Agriculture)
- × *Create databased and map of legacy food businesses in the District and identify strategies to support these businesses. **Food Access & Equity, Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs**



3.

Expand healthy food access in neighborhoods where structural racism and disinvestment have led to low food access.

Projects:

- × *Publish policy brief recommending more food growing spaces in and around affordable housing developments. **Urban Agriculture**
- × *Convene farmers markets and recommend policies to extend operations and expand to more locations, particularly in Wards 5, 7, and 8. **Sustainable Supply Chain, Urban Agriculture, Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs**
- × *Convene independent grocers to understand how government can support them in expanding healthy food access. **Food Access & Equity**
- × *Publish the FPC's annual Food Economy and Food Access report to track key metrics in the District's food system. **All working groups**



***4.**

Support the development and implementation of District food policies that address climate change.

Projects:

- × *Support the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) and Office of Contracts and Procurement (OCP) in implementing the Green Food Purchasing Act. **Sustainable Supply Chain**
- × *Track the implementation of District laws related to food and climate, including the Save Good Food Act, Green Food Purchasing Act, and the Zero Waste Omnibus Act. **Sustainable Supply Chain, Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs**
- × *Publish policy brief and increase awareness on the District's commitments under the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration. **Urban Agriculture, Sustainable Supply Chain**



***5.**

Increase resident voice in food policy development in the District.

Projects:

- × *Improve language access in website, written materials, and meetings/events, including offering simultaneous Spanish translation and ASL interpreter, and translating written materials. **Resident Engagement**
- × *Conduct surveys at beginning/end of meetings and events to better understand who we are currently reaching, with the goal of increasing racial and geographic diversity. **Resident Engagement**
- × *Increase communication regarding District food policies and programs through the FPC newsletter, social media, and office hours. **Resident Engagement**
- × *Host at least two community conversations or focus groups with residents not regularly engaged in FPC work. **Resident Engagement**