

# DC Food Policy Council Public Meeting (Virtual)

February 2, 2022




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- Please stay muted if not speaking
- Type questions into the chat
- Email with longer questions:  
[dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov](mailto:dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov)



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# Ice Breaker

What is a food you  
tried for the first time  
in the past year?

Groups of 4  
(4 minutes)



# Agenda

- Introductions/Ice Breaker
- Spotlight Presentation:  
Mario Harley
- Working Group Updates
- 2022 DC Food Policy Priorities:  
Presentation and Vote
- DC Food Policy Council  
Bylaws Update: Vote
- Performance Oversight  
Hearings
- Events/Announcements





# **Spotlight Presentation: Mario Harley**



# Working Group Updates

Food Access & Equity

Urban Agriculture

Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs

Nutrition & Health

Sustainable Supply Chain



# 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 local 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**



**Vote**

# Food Policy Council Bylaws

## ***What's new:***

- Increased transparency in decision-making processes
- Explicitly name how the FPC centers racial equity in our processes/structure
- Accurately reflect how FPC currently functions

*To see the updated FPC Bylaws, visit:*

*<https://dcfoodpolicy.org/mission-structure-roles>*

**Vote**

# Upcoming Performance Oversight Public Hearings (Food-Related)

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February 8: Food Policy Council

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February 9: Department of Small and Local Business  
Development (DSLBD)

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February 16: Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and  
Economic Development (DMPED)

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February 23: DC Health

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March 3: Office of the State Superintendent for Education  
(OSSE)

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*You can see the full calendar of hearings and information  
on how to sign up to testify at <https://dccouncil.us/events>*



# No Senior Hungry Community Advocacy Guide

Background

What does this Bill do?

How can I give input on this Bill?

**Hearing Date:** Monday, February 14th at 10am

**How to Watch:**




[www.youtube.com/channel/UCgy5EojaMYGtwicWSfg9NeA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgy5EojaMYGtwicWSfg9NeA)

# Events & Announcements



 ***Add announcements to chat and/or unmute yourself.***

 **FPC Announcements:**

-  **Friday, February 4, 10-11am:** Monthly Food Policy Office Hours (1st Friday of every month: Email [dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov](mailto:dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov) to sign up)
-  **Wednesday, April 6, 5-6pm:** Next FPC Public Meeting
-  **FPC Call for New Members:** <https://dcfoodpolicy.org/membership/>
-  **To join a Working Group listserv,** email the WG chairs or [dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov](mailto:dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov)