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- Type questions into the chat
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Piscataway & Nacotchtank
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
### Upcoming Performance Oversight Public Hearings (Food-Related)

- **February 8:** Food Policy Council
- **February 9:** Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)
- **February 16:** Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED)
- **February 23:** DC Health
- **March 3:** Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE)

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
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 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