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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fullwell Support for Food Purchasing for Hospitals and Jails (File #250753)
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Good morning Ms. Calvillo,

On behalf of Fullwell, I am writing to share our enthusiastic support for Food Purchasing for Hospitals and Jails (File #250753) which will be heard by the full Board of Supervisors this afternoon.

Thank you and have a lovely beginning of your week.

CC: Alisa Somera

Regards,

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August 29, 2025

Board of Supervisors

City and County of San Francisco | Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

City Hall, Room 244

San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Fullwell, I want to express enthusiastic support for the renewal of the Food Purchasing Standards and Department Goals (File #250753). The City and County Department of Public Health (hospitals) and the Sheriff's Department (jails) spend nearly \$7.5 million on food annually. San Francisco has a responsibility to ensure that these public funds positively impact the community and support the County's social and environmental goals. This ordinance will ensure continued participation in the Good Food Purchasing Program which will support progress toward these goals.

Fullwell believes institutional food procurement is one of the best levers we have to improve the food supply chain. In *Locally Nourished and Healthy Food Within Reach*¹, we highlighted how public agencies can support a regional food economy, environmentally friendly agricultural practices, and healthier diets through the terms of their procurement contracts. The Good Food Purchasing Program is a commitment by major public institutions to use their purchasing power to do just that.

The Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP) supports public institutions in using their purchasing power to source healthy, high-quality food that supports a strong local economy, fair treatment for food system workers, humane treatment of animals, and environmental sustainability. GFPP has found

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widespread support among municipal governments and school districts across the country, including San Francisco Unified School District, Santa Clara County hospitals and jails, and Alameda County jails. The Good Food Purchasing Program also has strong overlap with existing San Francisco plans, such as the San Francisco Climate Action Plan², which identify prioritizing food purchasing and access to impact sustainability, health, and food security.

In 2024, there were 25 California public institutions participating in the Good Food Purchasing program who cumulatively spend more \$195 million annually on food³. As more institutions prioritize the GFPP standards, more of our public dollars will reward better business practices. The ripple effect is significant not only for people eating but for local economies, workers, animals, and the planet.

For these reasons, Fullwell respectfully requests your “aye” vote for the Food Purchasing Standards and Department Goals ordinance.

Sincerely,

Grecia Marquez-Nieblas
Senior Manager
Fullwell

CC: Alisa Somera

² <https://www.spur.org/publications/spur-report/2013-05-13/locally-nourished>, = <https://www.spur.org/publications/spur-report/2015-02-05/healthy-food-within-reach> Both reports were written by Fullwell staff before transitioning out of SPUR to Fullwell

https://www.sfenvironment.org/files/events/2021_climate_action_plan.pdf

³ <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/66184abd58ff422558949380/t/68648c02c95e6a51d610ba1f/1751419928064/Fullwell+2024+Annual+Report.pdf>

From: [Grecia Marquez-Nieblas](#)
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Subject: Coalition Support for Food Purchasing for Hospitals and Jails (File #250753)
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Good morning Ms. Calvillo,

I hope you had a good holiday weekend. I am writing to share the attached support letter for Food Purchasing for Hospitals and Jails (File #250753) which will be heard by the full Board of Supervisors this afternoon.

Thank you and have a lovely beginning of your week,

CC: Alisa Somera

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

We, the undersigned, are writing to respectfully request your support to renew the Good Food Purchasing Standards and Department Goals (File #250753). The City and County Department of Public Health (hospitals) and the Sheriff's Department (jails) alone spend nearly \$7.5 million on food annually. San Francisco has a responsibility to ensure that public funds positively impact the community, especially the 2/3rds of San Francisco's adults who make less than 200% Federal poverty level¹ putting them at risk for food insecurity and diet related disease. Continuing the work of the Good Food Purchasing Program will keep the City and County progressing toward this goal.

The Good Food Purchasing Program is a commitment by major public institutions to use their purchasing power to source healthy, high-quality food that supports a strong local economy, fair treatment for food system workers, humane treatment of animals, and environmental sustainability. GFPP has found widespread support among municipal governments and school districts across the country, including San Francisco Unified School District, Santa Clara County hospitals and jails, Alameda County jails, Los Angeles Unified School District, as well as the cities of Chicago, Buffalo, and Boston.

San Francisco has already made important strides in improving food procurement by assessing existing food vendors alignment with the Good Food Purchasing Standards through Resolution 191-18² and setting goals for improvement in Ordinance No. 134-20³. Since Ordinance No. 134-20 passed, both Departments have improved their food procurement but still have room for growth. By continuing to build on the foundation established the City and County can continue its role as a national leader and set a strong example for Good Food Purchasing Program participants across the country.

The Good Food Purchasing Program has strong overlap with existing San Francisco plans and recommendations which identify prioritizing food purchasing and access to meet sustainability, health, and food security goals. These include the San Francisco Climate Action Plan⁴ and the San Francisco

¹ The 2023 San Francisco Biennial Food Security & Equity Report
<https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/2023%20San%20Francisco%20Biennial%20Food%20Security%20and%20Equity%20Report%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

² City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Resolution 191-18, June 27, 2018.
<https://sfgov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3482887&GUID=B2F5E86C-8791-4771-90D4-C2CDD05D91FA&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=good+food+purchasing>

³ City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Ordinance NO. 134-20, September 21, 2020.
<https://sfgov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4388344&GUID=150724C6-7A9A-44B5-983A-DB3B7D6782A8>

⁴ San Francisco Environment Department "2021 San Francisco Climate Action Plan"
https://www.sfenvironment.org/files/2021_climate_action_plan.pdf

Food Security Task Force 2025 Recommendations⁵. San Francisco has an opportunity to continue leading by leveraging its purchasing power to strengthen a regional food economy – one in which small and mid-sized farmers have sufficient demand for their products and our public institutions help improve access to healthy, high-quality food that is sustainably, fairly, and humanely produced. This amendment will help the city continue its progress toward this higher bar.

We respectfully request you vote in favor of the recommendation to extend the Good Food Purchasing Policy so that San Francisco can continue improving its food procurement using this comprehensive framework.

Sincerely,

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⁵ San Francisco Food Security Task Force 2025 Recommendations
https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/FSTF_2025_RECOMMENDATIONS_Official.pdf