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Dear Linda:

Please find below a submission for the Budget Hearing today in lieu of public comment during the meeting.

Thank you,

-Tanis Crosby

Serving as the new Executive Director of the San Francisco Marin Food Bank, I want to thank you for your partnership, and leadership in addressing hunger, its root causes and consequences, and vision forward.

The Food Bank is steadfast in our commitment to ending hunger. We will not food bank our way out of hunger. It requires bold policy and action. It requires ending poverty, addressing structural racism, and centering on people facing hunger.

We are committed to dignity, access, equity, and providing nourishing food access, and food relief in an emergency.

We value the support and partnership of the County, and honor the entirety of the response of people, community, and organizations. We value a coordinated, community response, and partnerships.

We are dedicated to transformation. To partnership. To community. We are ready to leverage our strengths. To let go of what is not working, and embrace new possibilities centered on values of equity, collaboration, and community.

San Francisco-Marin Food Bank is wholly committed to be part of reimagining food security – envisioning the possibilities within a food sovereignty approach is exciting, and we look forward to partnering on the journey ahead.

Tanis Crosby

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From: [Zetta Reicker](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Hello,

Please see attached my public comment for the May 19 2021 Hearing at the Budget & Appropriations Committee.

Also pasted here:

My statement is on behalf of the low-income residents who rely on San Francisco's Farmers Markets, the **Alemany Farmers Market**, and **Heart of the City**, as well as the **EatSF program** for their fresh fruits and vegetables. We ask you to support the Healthy Food Purchasing Supplement Grant and provide funding to meet the increased need.

I want to highlight the Alemany Farmers Market specifically. It has been a vitally important source of healthy and inexpensive produce to residents of the City's southeast for nearly 75 years. Place matters - the Alemany Farmers Market is uniquely situated within the City and is located in an area identified as having a very high need for nutrition assistance. Further, the market has a large footprint and has over 75 farmer stalls and hundreds of shoppers. There has been a massive increase in households accessing the program - **635% increase from Dec 2019 to Dec 2020**.

At the Alemany Farmers Market and the Heart of the City Farmers Market - residents access high-quality, culturally relevant, low-cost, local, fresh produce.

By allocating funding to the HFPS grant, you would be ensuring additional federal funds would be spent in the local economy. Further, research shows that incentive programs such as the Market Match program have the highest economic multiplier of 3. That means for every \$1 of incentives spent at a farmers market generates \$3 of additional spending in the local economy.

Thank you for your support.

Thanks,
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Zetta Reicker'.

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