

From: [Ruth Preciado](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:12:27 PM

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Hi!!

My name is Ruth Preciado, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. If you have a hard time believing that, then you can look at our investigations and see for yourselves. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy. The public needs you to do the right thing!!

From: cgvillal97.cgvillal97
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 2:01:11 PM

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Hello,

My name is Cynthia Villalobos, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments where they replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024.

Best,
Cynthia Villalobos

From: [mary russell](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Healthy food for San Francisco's public institutions
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:44:37 PM

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Ladies and Gentlemen - with apologies for being late with this, but I hope you voted to support this movement.

Best regards, Mary Russell

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors [will be voting] on Monday, July 20, regarding food programs, including how much meat, eggs, and dairy should be on the menu for hospitals, jails, and schools. Time is running out, so **please take a moment today to urge the board to mandate that these institutions serve only healthy, animal- and environmentally friendly, vegan meals.**

- **No one needs to eat meat**, yet every year, billions of animals are mutilated without painkillers and violently killed for their flesh. When the food industry is producing superior vegan options that are delicious and healthy and we know the harm that the meat industry causes, we should encourage and provide for healthy, vegan eating where we can.
- **Animal flesh is laden with saturated fat and cholesterol**, both of which have been linked to heart disease, cancer, obesity, and diabetes.
- **Animal agriculture is a global disaster.** [According to the Food and Agriculture Organization](#) of the United Nations, livestock production is the leading cause of ocean dead zones, water pollution, species extinction, and habitat destruction, and it creates more greenhouse gas emissions than all the world's transportation systems combined.

From: [Judith Preciado](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 12:05:43 AM

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Hi!!

My name is Judith Preciado, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. If you have a hard time believing that, then you can look at our investigations and see for yourselves. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy. The public needs you to do the right thing!!

From: [Judith Preciado](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public comment about the good food purchasing program
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From: [Lonna Richmond](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:04:13 AM

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My name is Lonna Richmond, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy. I realize this can't happen overnight, but making the commitment is the first step. We need this - our planet needs this.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Lonna Richmond

From: [Terry Zwigoff](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:07:13 AM

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From: [Levi Vegan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: URGENT: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:15:43 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Levi and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. **I like that this food policy has climate goals**, but it doesn't go far enough.

Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. Currently, the virulent Newcastle Disease has had **chicken farms in California under quarantine for over a year!**

San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

Sincerely,

Levi Brasga

May all beings everywhere be happy and free, and may the thoughts, words and actions of my own life contribute in some way to that happiness and to that freedom for all. [This Video Saves Lives](#)

From: [Jacqueline Barden](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:26:28 AM

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindest regards,

Jacqueline Barden

From: [Coleen Ockletree](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:26:35 AM

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My name is Coleen Ockletree, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments where they replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024. Please support our rights for a better future.

Sincerely,
Coleen Ockletree

From: [barbara.henninger](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
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Barbara Henninger
Berkeley, California

From: [Willow Liroff](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about strengthening and revising a Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:36:24 AM

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Dear San Francisco Supervisors,

As an Oakland resident who works for a San Francisco-based tech company, I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer, an important but overly limited policy that doesn't do nearly enough to make a dent in our climate goals.

As the current pandemic has proved, in addition to the known devastating environmental impact, animal-based food supplies are inherently unhealthy, run a huge health risk and have no place in city departments. I am writing to ask that you adopt a plant-based protein moving forward to ensure the safety of all of us, a much less expensive - both to taxpayers and our environment - alternative to animal products.

Please make sure that the Good Food Purchasing Program takes steps to really make an impact in this crisis.

Sincerely,

Willow Liroff

From: [Beryl Clifton](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Emily Lopez](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:48:43 AM

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My name is Emily Lopez and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy."

***Thank you,
Emily Lopez
Emilylopezz@ymail.com
669-210-7755***

From: [james miller](#)
To: [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:55:07 AM

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My name is James, a District 5 resident, a very concerned citizen and member of DxE, Mercy for Animals and Live Kindly and others. I'm writing about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from ALL city departments where they replace at least 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by next year. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like many strains of Covid, bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and de-fund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

There is sufficient reputable scientific evidence to confirm the long-term ill effects of dairy and meat in the human diet, despite the outrageous influence and power of these food industries to convince us otherwise. It is unconscionable that city governments like San Francisco be swayed by these industries when we all are well aware of the current diseases, viruses and health concerns caused directly by breeding and consuming animals. Please do the right thing and stand up to Smithfield, Tyson and the entire dairy industry who are continuously risking the health of humans and the environment with their unsustainable products, out of sheer profits and greed.

Sincerely,

James Miller

From: [Anthony Gazzillo](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good Food Purchasing Program Ordinance Comment
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 12:02:56 PM

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Hello, My name is Anthony Gazzillo. Today I am submitting a public comment about the proposed Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments where they replace no less than 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024.

Thank you,
Anthony Gazzillo

From: [Cassie King](#)
To: [james miller](#)
Cc: [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\); Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 12:04:43 PM

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Thank you James!!!

On Fri, Jul 24, 2020 at 11:55 AM james miller <jmwebdesigns@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Sincerely,

James Miller

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Cassie King

Communications Lead
Direct Action Everywhere

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From: karenr@phc.net
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
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My name is Karen Rubio and I am a founding member of Plant-Based Advocates – Los Gatos, a group advocating for a shift to plant-based diets as a solution to climate change, health, and animal suffering.

I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments where they replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024.

Best regards,
Karen Rubio

From: [Annie Newman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
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Please, enough cruelty on the planet, San Francisco can pave the path and lead as they have in so many ways.

Sincerely. Annie Newman
8 Somerset Pl
NOVATO, CA. 94945

From: [Almira Tanner](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Slaughterhouses and COVID-19
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 1:24:00 PM

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Dear Clerk and Board of Supervisors, This was a headline on CNN: "Should someone have to die so others can savor a steak?". The vast majority of meatpacking workers are people of color. Smithfield decided their lives don't matter by forcing them to work elbow-to-elbow on the slaughter line without protective gear and [concealing the presence of COVID-19 cases](#) until the outbreaks were undeniable. Tyson lobbied the USDA to speed up animal slaughter lines in the middle of a pandemic. Fast line speeds make social distancing for workers impossible.

What are we doing to hold corporations like Tyson and Smithfield accountable for their terrible record of worker safety and animal cruelty? This was the case even before the crisis. SF General and Laguna Honda currently buy from them. Please take a stand against this in the upcoming Good Food Purchasing Program hearing.

Until Every Animal Is Free

Almira Tanner, MSc, OT
Organizer, [Direct Action Everywhere](#)

From: [emek echo](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Guiti](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 1:53:11 PM

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"My name is Guiti Zolfagharkani, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy."

Guiti

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Charlotte Holt](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [lan mantra](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 3:27:29 PM

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My name is Ian Burnett from the UK and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. There is a raft of scientific evidence produced over the last decade to back up my last statement and I would urge San Francisco to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

There are massive opportunities to be had by recognising that there needs to be a systemic change in todays society regarding the food we eat that can impact massively on the future survival of our planet and all those that live upon the land and in the sea. All it takes is for one major city/state to lead the way and the rest of the country will see the light. Funding support that currently goes towards the animal ag industry could be used to assist those currently engaged in these industries to convert to plant based industries which can be seen already to be a massive market in the future both in terms of food supplies and employment opportunities.

In the light of the current situation regarding the Covid-19 pandemic more and more people are turning away from eating meat and dairy products and I am certain that any city or state that chose this course of action would receive massive support from their citizens. All it takes is for ONE state to see the light, Will your city / state be that ONE?

Regards

Ian Burnett

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Rasa Petrauskaite](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 4:26:24 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I'm Rasa Petrauskaite, and I'm a volunteer at two animal rights organizations.

I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments where they replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024.

Ideally, we would like complete divestment from animal agriculture now.

Best regards,
Rasa Petrauskaite

July 9, 2020

Supervisor Ronen
Supervisor Stefani
Supervisor Mar
San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee

San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Supervisor Fewer's Good Food Purchasing Ordinance

Dear Supervisors:

Thank you for your work during the COVID-19 crisis. We are very grateful for your continued service in a tough situation. This has been an extraordinary time, one we hope not to repeat.

It is with the public's health in mind that I am writing you today. I am the president of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, an organization with 10,000 California members, many who live and practice in San Francisco. I am writing to submit a public comment regarding Supervisor Fewer's Good Food Purchasing Ordinance in support of citywide departments replacing animal products with plant-based foods.

Eating a plant-forward diet and having options available in citywide facilities, such as hospitals, is recommended by the American Medical Association, the American Cancer Society, and the American College of Cardiology. A plant-based diet, rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes, is full of fiber, loaded with vitamins and minerals, free of cholesterol, and low in calories and saturated fat. Plant-based diets have been proven to prevent and reverse heart disease, improve cholesterol, and lower blood pressure. They have also been shown to prevent, manage, and reverse type 2 diabetes. Research shows that they may also reduce the risk for asthma and improve asthma control. This is a timely topic, as it is well documented that these are COVID-19 comorbidities, and in addition to increasing overall immunity, these conditions may be improved by following a plant-based diet.

A plant-based diet also reduces the risk of cancer. In 2015, the World Health Organization classified consumption of processed meat—such as hot dogs, bacon, and deli meat—as “carcinogenic to humans,” highlighting a meta-analysis that concluded that each 50-gram portion of processed meat (about one hot dog) eaten daily increases the risk of colorectal cancer by 18 percent. A study published in *JAMA* found that processed meat consumption was tied to 57,766 deaths from heart disease, stroke, or type 2 diabetes in 2012. Processed meat has also been linked to hypertension

and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Research shows that red meat also increases the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and certain cancers.

California already mandates plant-based options in state hospitals and prisons. (New York also requires plant-based hospital meals, and legislation is pending in Washington, D.C., and Maryland.) I encourage San Francisco to follow the state's growing support for plant-based meals and pass the Good Food Purchasing Ordinance.

Our many local members will be eager to support your efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neal D. Barnard MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Neal D. Barnard, MD, FACC
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President, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
202-527-7303
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From: [mim](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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WE NEED ACTION AND CHANGE

Sent from my iPhone

From: [adam clayton](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 6:05:55 PM

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Hi, I'm writing to you with a public comment about supervisor Fewer's Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance. I think the city and its residents would benefit from increasing the proposal to at least fifty percent for hospitals, as well as for jails. Increasing plant based foods at hospitals would help further in improving people's health (and in this case people who may already have health problems) as more vegetables and less meat has been shown to lead to improved health. This would also be a step in the right direction towards reducing the suffering of animals that is much neglected.

Adam Clayton

From: [Patty Garcia](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tonia Moore](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Comment on the Good Food Purchasing Program
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From: [Nadia Nashashibi](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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I studied Fitness instruction (college) and I can assure you that the American Dietetic Association confirms that a plant-based diet provides all necessary nutrients for all life stages. We need to have the healthiest, strongest youth (school aged children/public schools) in the Bay Area because our future depends upon it. Most importantly: our future depends on teaching compassion. Compassion for animals is so important because they are sentient beings. When our youth learn to respect animals, they will have empathy for all humans as well and grow up to be kind, effective leaders.

Sincerely,
Nadia Nashashibi
925 360 8826

From: [alexgruiz74](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
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Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [Bryan W](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments where they replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024.

Respectfully,
Bryan Wong

From: [Thomas Chiang](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:03:10 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Paul Darwin Picklesimer](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:11:54 PM

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Thank you!

Paul

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From: [Priscilla](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:23:02 PM

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Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
Priscilla Browne

From my iPhone

From: [Lucy Walker](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:42:52 PM

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From: [Tucker Farris](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 12:11:02 AM

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Tucker D. Farris
P.h.D. Candidate
Department of Sociology
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University of Victoria
British Columbia, Canada

From: [Blaze Azelski](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 12:32:56 AM

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From: [Juan Ramirez](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 4:10:43 AM

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Dear San Francisco City Clerk,

My name is Juan Ramirez and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Juan Ramirez

From: [Christa Arehart](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 6:10:43 AM

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From: [Ron Weiss](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 7:55:06 AM

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From: [Nelson Gomez](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Commenting on the Good Food Purchase Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 8:01:48 AM

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To the SF Board of Supervisors,

As a San Francisco resident, I'm disappointed San Francisco public hospitals have decided to reduce their purchases of animal products, as part of the Good Food Purchasing Program, by only 15 percent, in contrast to the Sheriff's Department which has opted for a 50 percent reduction.

I understand that it's difficult to create change, but the imperative of halting climate change is compelling us all to take meaningful action. The United Nations has been calling for action ever since its 2006 report Livestock's Long Shadow. The most prominent scientists and research institutes believe unless we significantly change our food demands, we have no chance of keeping the heating of the global climate under 2 degrees Celsius.

Please consider setting the public hospital's goals to match the Sheriff's Department's 50 percent by 2024.

All the best,
Nelson Gomez

From: [Vir Choksi](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 9:04:53 AM

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Best,
Vir

From: [Matthew Leeds](#)
Subject: On Climate Change and the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 9:13:39 AM

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Dear Supervisor,

I'm thankful that the proposed Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance includes a 50% replacement of animal product purchases with plant-based foods for the San Francisco Sheriff's Department and believe it is a good first step toward mitigating climate change, protecting our water, reducing antibiotic misuse on factory farms and eliminating cruelty to animals. I am disappointed, however, with San Francisco's hospitals' decision to only reduce these purchases by 15 percent. The livestock industry is a major threat to our climate. If San Francisco is to be a world leader in turning global warming around we must move much more quickly to significantly reduce our consumption of these harmful foods. Please ask the hospitals to consider matching the Sheriff's Department's 50 percent by 2024. Thank you.

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Matthew Leeds
San Francisco resident

From: carolyn.cedusky
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 10:57:06 AM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Carolyn Cedusky and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments where they replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024."I also want to say the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

Thank you

Carolyn Cedusky

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: maxebroad@gmail.com
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Supporting a Strong Target for the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 11:16:40 AM

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Hello SF Board of Supervisors,

I wish to comment that I support the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. Given the severity of the climate crisis, I am grateful that that this policy has climate goals. Please stand by ambitious efforts to address climate change with both city departments by replacing 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by 2024.

From: [Mary Foster](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 1:24:33 PM

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From: [Mary Foster](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
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From: [Rasa Petrauskaite](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support for the Good Food Purchasing Program from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 2:12:11 PM
Attachments: [Physicians Committee Support -- Good Food Purchasing Ord - SF.pdf](#)

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Dear Supervisors,

I have attached here a letter from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) in support of the Good Food Purchasing Program, in case you have not seen it yet.

We are asking for complete divestment now from animal agriculture - or at least 50% now for hospitals and jails.

I have sent this message before to some of you, but not all of you. I apologize if this is repetitive for some of you.

As you know, many articles have been in the news recently about how factory farming, which packs tens or hundreds of thousands of animals with little to no genetic variation in filthy conditions, creates breeding grounds for diseases like bird flu and swine flu, which have pandemic potential.

For instance, H5N1, a strain of bird flu, has a 60% mortality rate for humans. So far it hasn't easily transmitted from human to human, but it has jumped to pig populations, so experts worry it could be evolving the ability to spread more easily between mammals. Earlier this month, the CDC reported new strains of H1N1 in pigs that have "the essential hallmarks of being highly adapted to infect humans". The deadly 1918 Spanish Flu was a strain of H1N1 that had adapted to humans.

We need to address the public's consumption of animal products in order to meaningfully address pandemic risk. San Francisco can start most directly with the proposed Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance. In this ordinance, the Sheriff's Department committed to a 50% replacement of animal products with plant-based foods, but the Department of Public Health only committed to 15%. 15% is not enough to meaningfully address pandemic risk and the climate crisis. Please support the 50% target for hospitals - or 100% divestment now better yet.

Sincerely,
Rasa Petrauskaite

From: [Nancy Joachim, M.D.](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 10:08:36 PM

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Hi!

My name is Nancy Joachim, M.D.. I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy."

Sincerely,

Nancy

From: [I. L. Z.](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 11:55:15 PM

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From: [Stefan Howard](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2020 8:47:31 PM

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Dear City Clerk,

As you know, climate change is real and climate change is caused by us. We also have a moral choice now about whether we're going to save our children and future generations from climate catastrophe and whether we're going to continue putting public money toward the destructive industry that is animal agriculture. I am proud that San Francisco is not only taking these challenges of climate change and animal cruelty seriously but is taking steps to address them through the Good Food Purchasing Program proposal.

I am particularly happy to see that the Sheriff's Department is reducing its purchases of animal foods by 50 percent and disappointed that San Francisco's publicly funded hospitals have only opted for 15 percent. The American Dietetic Association has acknowledged that well-planned vegetarian and vegan diets can be not only nutritionally adequate but also health-promoting. Please ask the hospitals to step up and take a more meaningfully address climate change, water pollution, and animal cruelty by matching the Sheriff's Department's 50% goal by 2024.

**Best regards,
Stefan Howard
243 Corbett Ave.
San Francisco**

From: [Leighton Woodhouse](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:05:28 AM

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From: [JJ Kass](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:36:50 AM

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Hello SF Board or Supervisors.

My name is Julianne Kass. I am a San Francisco District 9 resident.

I am reaching out about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I work for a vertical farming company, Plenty, and I know the impact traditional agriculture has on our environment intimately. I am glad that the Good Food Purchasing Program has climate goals, but it needs to go much further in its commitment to alternative proteins. We know plant-based products are better for the health of people and the planet. Additionally, in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu.

I urge you to call for a stronger commitment from all city departments to replace 50% animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture and continue to work towards a plan where we transition to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

This is a top priority for me as a resident of San Francisco. I've also reached out to my Supervisor directly about this issue.

Thank you,
Julianne

From: [Allison Lenthall](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good Food Purchasing Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 10:36:27 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[oledata.mso](#)
[Physicians Committee Support -- Good Food Purchasing Ord - SF2.pdf](#)

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Please find attached and below the support of Dr. Neal Barnard for the Good Food Purchasing Ordinance.

All the best,
Allison

Allison E. Lenthall, Sr. Corporate Liaison
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July 27, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

San Francisco City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 244

San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Supervisor Fewer's Good Food Purchasing Ordinance

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A plant-based diet also reduces the risk of cancer. In 2015, the World Health Organization classified consumption of processed meat—such as hot dogs, bacon, and deli meat—as “carcinogenic to humans,” highlighting a meta-analysis that concluded that each 50-gram portion of processed meat (about one hot dog) eaten daily increases the risk of colorectal cancer by 18 percent. A study published in *JAMA* found that processed meat consumption was tied to 57,766 deaths from heart disease, stroke, or type 2 diabetes in 2012. Processed meat has also been linked to hypertension and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Research shows that red meat also increases the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and certain cancers.

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Our many local members will be eager to support your efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neal D. Barnard MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Neal D. Barnard, MD, FACC

Adjunct Professor of Medicine, George Washington University School of Medicine

President, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine

202-527-7303

nbarnard@pcrm.org

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From: [Victoria Gu](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Compassionate Bay letter on the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 3:30:20 PM
Attachments: [GFPP-letter-CB.pdf](#)

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To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

Please see the attached letter from Compassionate Bay about the proposed Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that is going before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

Thank you,
Victoria
Organizer with Compassionate Bay



July 27, 2020

To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

We cannot overstate the urgency of this moment. There is a pandemic wreaking havoc on people's lives, and this month the CDC reported [new strains of swine flu that have "the essential hallmarks of being highly adapted to infect humans"](#). And let's not forget the climate crisis and rampant deforestation that may soon reach a tipping point with the Amazon rainforest.

If you have not already, please read about the [pandemic risk associated with factory farms](#) as well as the [urgency of addressing our food system's contribution to the climate crisis](#).

In the proposed Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance, we are encouraged to see that it includes climate goals. The commitment to replace 15% of animal products with plant-based foods signifies that a shift is happening, but we urge the Department of Public Health to at least match the Sheriff's department's 50% goal in order to meaningfully address pandemic risk, climate change and animal cruelty. San Francisco city agencies' goals will set a precedent for other private institutions and cities.

This letter was written to address what department heads at SF public hospitals perceive as the biggest barriers to change. With a creative approach and some steps listed below, the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health can demonstrate to other cities how to use public funds to protect public health, animals, and the future of life on this planet.

Address Dietary Racism

One concern about replacing animal products at hospitals was patient nutrition. What you may not know is that people of color already face nutritional deficiencies in institutions that have a heavy focus on dairy. Nearly 66% of Laguna Honda and 74% of SF General patients come from communities of color, with high rates of lactose intolerance. A volunteer at Laguna Honda reported that dairy milk is almost always given on a meal tray whether or not patients ask for it, so a ton of milk is thrown away unopened. The same thing happens in public schools, and this results in an enormous volume of waste and nutritionally deficient meals for people of color who avoid drinking dairy milk if it makes them sick. [Seed the Commons](#), [Switch4Good](#), and other organizations rightfully call this "dietary racism".

The hospitals must plan meals that don't have dairy as a nutritional component. They could change the default beverage to water (Canada's latest food guide) or something plant-based

and accessible to people of color. This change alone could make bigger commitments possible, since dairy makes up an estimated 35%-45% of the public hospitals' spending on animal products.

Promote Public Health

Over the course of just three days, [100 local physicians and nurses signed onto a letter](#) explaining how a shift to healthier, plant-forward offerings promotes public health both by lifting the burden of chronic, diet-related diseases for some patients (saving money for hospitals in the long term) and by addressing pandemic risk coming from factory farms.

Educate Patients

Another challenge named at SF public hospitals was getting cultural shifts away from the standard American diet, especially among older patients. We agree that patient education is important, and patients can be nudged over time. We have [testimony](#) from people in the Bay Area who learned new information and made significant changes in their 50's and 60's. Many of them were also battling diseases like diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure.

There are creative ways to implement changes that are so subtle that some won't even be noticeable. In aggregate and over time, they can be very impactful.

- Change portion sizes: Increase the portions of the plant-based portion of the meal
- Gradually introduce new plant-forward meals into the rotation and improve the marketing language used to describe the new meals
- Start with substitutions of products that are already indistinguishable (Just Mayo, [chickenless nuggets](#), [non-dairy ingredients in recipes](#), etc.)

Create Systemic Change

Every institution has barriers to change. Compassionate Bay talked to the Department of Public Health about key bottlenecks in onboarding new vendors. What we need is for department heads, nonprofits, and legislators to all come together, really look at the bottlenecks, and coordinate on a plan to address them and make systemic change possible.

Sincerely,
Compassionate Bay

From: [Kari F](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 5:13:51 PM

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From: [Michael Dezelle](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 6:38:55 PM

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My name is Michael Dezelle, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. Animal agriculture is one of the largest, if not The major, contributing factor to climate change and ecological devastation planet wide. Animal agriculture has always been a breeding ground for pandemics like bird flu and swine flu and the 1918 pandemic, and it is a major driver of deforestation and the perils we face through global warming. The victims are not just the abused sentient beings themselves, too are those who consume these ill gotten gains. Flesh and secretions are also leading contributors to our health epidemic; heart disease, diabetes, colon cancer, breast cancer, just to name a few. On top of that, slaughterhouses themselves are home to some of the more egregious human rights abuses. In places of violence, mental illness, drug abuse, domestic abuse, and suicide run high. There is no reason for San Francisco to be a part of such atrocities any longer. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy. Not with baby steps, but giant leaps. San Francisco helped pave the way to making Fur History. Can you take a stronger stand against the abuses perpetuated by a broken system of violence and oppression? Will you speak from your place of privilege and use the power you wield to further the evolution of humanity? Or will you be a part of the legacy of death that industries such as animal agriculture, fossil fuels, and GMO/ chemically laden foods. The choice is yours, here and now.

Sincerely,
Michael Ryan Dezelle

From: [alexgruiz74](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 7:20:12 PM

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Hello, I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments where they replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024.

As we will a get step closer in ending all pandemics due to consuming animals! and help climate change at same time

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [Mechelle Bollon](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 7:23:13 PM

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My name is Mechelle Bollon, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

Regards,
Mechelle Bollon

From: [Bryan W](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 7:45:28 PM

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Thank you,
Bryan Wong

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Kitty Jones](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please 100% plant-based purchasing policy!!
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:21:23 PM

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Hello! My name is Kyana Jones and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Did you know how horrible animal agriculture is for the earth, the animals, and our health!? Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy. Please and thank you!

From: [Aparajita Sood](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 9:13:17 PM

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Hello,

My name is Aparajita Sood, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer.

I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency.

San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

Thanks
AP

From: [Diana Deikman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 9:47:16 PM

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Thank you,
Diana Navon

From: [Ernst Karel](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 10:21:12 PM

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Hello,

This is a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance which Supervisor Fewer had proposed. It's crucial that food policy is informed by climate realities, and I commend that highly and support it. But animal products are so environmentally destructive, and the appropriate future path clear enough, that this seems like a good time for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments, to replace fully 50% of animal products with plant-based nutrition by Jan 1st, 2024.

Sincerely,
Ernst Karel
415-471-0705

From: [Lavanya Neti](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 11:05:45 PM

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My name is Lavanya Neti and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Raquel Franco](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:45:23 AM

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My name is Raquel Franco, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy. Please please consider this! Our planet is entirely affected by the destruction humans continue to cause.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nick Bradley](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Transition to a plant based food system
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 1:05:10 AM

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My name is Nicholas Bradley, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has the goal of helping the environment, but due to the dire situation of our climate, it needs to be stronger. Animal farming is widely accepted as a breeding ground for pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy, whether this is a long or short term goal.

Thank you

From: [Frank Andrade](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 6:47:27 AM

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Hello,

I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments where they replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024. Our plant and people need it.

Sincerely,

Frank Andrade

Sent from my iPhone

From: [S.H](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 10:01:52 AM

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My name is Sangeeta Hegde Leeper, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer.

I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough. My husband and I have a baby daughter who was born in March of this year. She has only met hospital care workers and grocery store clerks in her whole life besides us her parents. Animal Agriculture has deprived her of basic interactions with her family and forced us all to stay home for months. Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics like bird flu and swine flu, and it is a major driver of deforestation and our climate emergency. These pandemics will continue if we as a country don't take a stronger stance.

As a resident of the East Bay Area since I was 3 years old, I truly understand how important San Francisco's decisions and leadership have on the bay and the entire country. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

Thank you for reading.

Regards,
Sangeeta

From: [Michael](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 10:04:24 AM

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Hello, My name is Michael Goldberg and I am an organizer with Compassionate Bay, a grassroots group that works to get legislation passed that will protect our environment, stop climate change and make life better for nonhuman animals.

I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from both city departments where they replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024.

Thanks you,

Michael Goldberg

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Katie Ettman](#)
To: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SPUR Supports the Food Purchasing Standards and Departmental Goals (File #200244)
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 10:44:41 AM
Attachments: [SPUR Good Food Purchasing Support Letter 7.28.20.pdf](#)

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of SPUR, I am writing to express enthusiastic support for the Food Purchasing Standards and Department Goals (File #200244). Please see the attached support letter for details.

Sincerely,

Katie Ettman

Food and Agriculture Policy Associate

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Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
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City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of SPUR, I am writing to express enthusiastic support for the Food Purchasing Standards and Department Goals (File #200244). The City and County spends nearly \$7.5 million on food through agencies such as the Department of Public Health (hospitals) and the Sheriff's Department (jails). San Francisco has a responsibility to set a high standard for the community and to ensure that public funds maximize public benefits. This ordinance will help the City and County reach this higher bar.

The Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP), developed by the Center for Good Food Purchasing, provides a clear framework for analyzing and improving the environmental, social, and health impacts of food procured by public institutions. San Francisco has already taken important strides in improving food procurement by conducting an assessment of existing food vendors to evaluate alignment with the Good Food Purchasing Standards through Resolution 191-18¹. By articulating ambitious standards and goals based on these assessments the City and County can build on its national leadership and set a strong example for Good Food Purchasing Program participants across the country.

In our reports, *Locally Nourished* and *Healthy Food Within Reach* we highlighted how public procurement can and should support all residents.² For example, using public procurement to support California agriculture has economic benefits to the state far beyond the farms growing the fruits and vegetables served. It is also a powerful strategy to support environmentally friendly agricultural practices that improve water-use efficiency, carbon sequestration and resilience during droughts, environmental impacts that effect all Californians. Public agencies can also encourage healthier diets by expanding the options it offers when it serves food directly to people in its hospitals and jails.

For these reasons, SPUR respectfully requests you to vote in support of the Food Purchasing Standards and Department Goals ordinance.

Sincerely,

Katie Ettman
Food and Agriculture Policy Associate

¹ 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>

² SPUR, *Locally Nourished: How a Stronger Regional Food System Improves the Bay Area*, 2013: <https://www.spur.org/publications/spur-report/2013-05-13/locally-nourished>. SPUR, *Healthy Food Within Reach: Helping Bay Area Residents Find, Afford and Choose Healthy Food*, 2015: www.spur.org/foodaccess

From: [Pavan Katepalli](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 7:58:14 PM

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My name is Pavan Katepalli, an angel investor in the bay area, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance that's being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and about to go before the Rules committee. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but I urge you to call for a stronger, unified commitment from ALL city departments where they replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024.

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Pavan Katepalli
Linkedin: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/pavankat>

From: [Victoria Gu](#)
To: [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); Robert.Daroff@va.gov
Subject: Re: Statement from 92 medical professionals about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 11:12:52 AM

Good morning everyone,

Since there is no public comment for the item today, here is video testimony from two of these healthcare workers: <https://youtu.be/YTfmPF0VjG0>

Thank you,
Victoria

On Thu, Jul 16, 2020 at 2:42 PM Beinart, Amy (BOS) <amy.beinart@sfgov.org> wrote:

Thank you!

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From: Victoria Gu <victoria@compassionatebay.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:36:51 PM
To: Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>
Cc: Beinart, Amy (BOS) <amy.beinart@sfgov.org>; Robert.Daroff@va.gov <Robert.Daroff@va.gov>
Subject: Statement from 92 medical professionals about the Good Food Purchasing Program

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Hi Amy,

Hope you're doing well. Please see [this letter](#) about the Good Food Purchasing Program that has been signed by 92 medical professionals in the area, a number of whom are affiliated with SF General (a public hospital). It's also copied below and has been sent to SF General.

Dr. Robert Daroff was the main signature gatherer and is also CC'd in case you have any questions about the letter.

Thank you,
Victoria

Dear Supervisor Ronen,

We are healthcare workers asking you and San Francisco public hospitals to lead the transition to a healthy and sustainable food system, specifically by making greater commitments to replace animal products with plant-based foods.

We want to see our patients eating healthy food in order to improve their health. Although it may be a transition for some patients, public hospitals have a major role to play in nudging patients to adopt healthier habits. It's especially important in the US, which has an extremely high burden of diet-related chronic diseases. According to the San Francisco public health department's Dr. Rita Nguyen: "Often we just pile on prescriptions and ignore the other half of the equation for wellness, which is food".

Another major concern we have is how society's treatment of animals leads to disease outbreaks. We're on the frontline of treating patients with COVID-19 and are experiencing this tragedy firsthand. Before COVID-19, North American factory farms were the source of the 2009 H1N1 swine flu pandemic. The CDC reported just last week that a [new strain of H1N1 has emerged with pandemic potential](#). Even though it can't spread from human to human yet, intensive and crowded farms provide the perfect conditions for viruses to mutate rapidly. The 1918 Spanish flu pandemic was in fact a strain of H1N1 that had adapted to spread among humans.

We ask that San Francisco publicly-funded hospitals take their responsibility as role models seriously and show that we can, in fact, make major changes to benefit patients and serve as good stewards for public health. We ask that you at least match the Sheriff's Department's goal of 50% replacement of animal products in the short-term.

Sincerely,

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