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MEMORANDUM

TO: Daniel Tsai, Director, Department of Public Health
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FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk *Victor Young*

DATE: July 21, 2025

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee received the following proposed Ordinance:

File No. 250753

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History of Legislative File 250753

Ver	Acting Body	Date	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Result
1	President	07/15/2025	ASSIGNED	Rules Committee		
7/17/25 - President Mandelman waived the 30-day rule pursuant to Board Rule No. 3.22.						

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12 (g) In a May 2023 University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources report
13 entitled “Farm to Corrections: Opportunities & Challenges in Integrating California-Grown Produce
14 Into the State Prison System,” the authors opine that poor nutrition in state carceral facilities increases
15 the risk for poor physical and psychological health outcomes, leading to increased long-term health
16 care costs, which impact individuals, facilities, and surrounding communities.” Investing in the day-to-
17 day health of the incarcerated population can lead to significant savings in the long run.” The San
18 Francisco Food Security Task Force’s report for 2025 included recommendations that aligned with this
19 finding, noting that nutrition and food security are directly tied to health and that access to healthier
20 food can decrease health care costs.

21 (h) The Good Food Purchasing Program, as established by the Center for Good
22 Food Purchasing, ~~aims to~~ support public institutions in transforming the way they purchase
23 food, by creating a transparent and equitable food system built on principles of ~~social justice~~
24 ~~and racial~~ equity, accountability, and transparency, and rooted in five core values: local
25 community-based economies; environmental sustainability; valued workforce; animal welfare;

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2 ~~that for~~ institutions ~~to~~ must meet in order to be considered a “Good Food Leader Provider.” A
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5 are based on third-party certifications ~~that have been~~ ranked by national experts in each
6 category. The program allows institutions to assess their food vendors’ alignment with the
7 good food purchasing standards, and sets multi-year goals for meeting the baseline
8 standards, with flexibility to prioritize some categories over others. The five value categories
9 are as follows:

10 (1) Local and Community-Based Economies: Support ~~diverse, family and cooperatively~~
11 ~~owned,~~ small and mid-sized agricultural and food processing operations within the local area
12 or region, including those owned by people who have experienced negative systemic social and/or
13 economic impacts.

14 (2) Environmental Sustainability: Support ~~source from~~ producers that employ
15 sustainable production systems ~~that~~ reduce or eliminate synthetic pesticides and fertilizers;
16 ~~improve~~ avoid the use of hormones, routine antibiotics, and genetic engineering; conserve and
17 ~~regenerate~~ soil health and carbon sequestration ~~water; protect and enhance wildlife habitats and~~
18 ~~biodiversity; and~~ reduce fossil fuel inputs and protect water resources; support biodiversity and
19 ecological resilience; reduce on-farm energy and water consumption, food waste, and greenhouse
20 gas emissions; and reduce or eliminate single use-plastics and other resource-intensive packaging.
21 ~~Reduce menu items that have high carbon and water footprints using strategies such as plant-forward~~
22 ~~menus that feature smaller portions of animal proteins in a supporting role.~~

23 (3) Valued Workforce: Source from producers and vendors that provide a dignified
24 livelihood, which includes respect for the right to organize, safe and healthy working conditions,
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1 and fair compensation for all food chain workers and producers, from production to
2 consumption.

3 (4) Animal Welfare: Source from producers that provide healthy and humane
4 conditions for farm animals, and reduce the number of animal products purchased and served by
5 shifting toward plant-based foods.

6 (5) Community Health and Nutrition: Promote health and well-being by offering
7 generous portions of vegetables, fruit, whole grains, and minimally processed foods, while
8 reducing salt, added sugars, saturated fats, and red meat consumption, and eliminating
9 artificial additives. Improve equity, affordability, accessibility, and consumption of high quality,
10 culturally relevant good food in all communities.

11 (*ie*) Many of the aforementioned value categories, including not only Environmental
12 Sustainability, but also Local and Community-Based Economies, are critically connected to the
13 City's efforts to combat climate change. While the City's efforts have focused on reducing
14 emissions through strategies via transportation, buildings, and zero waste as documented in
15 the Department of the Environment's July 2019 "Focus 2030: A Pathway to Net Zero
16 Emissions" report, and the 2021 updated Climate Action Plan, reducing meat consumption and
17 increasing plant-based diets is an important strategy to curb climate change, evidenced by
18 the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's "Climate Change and Land"
19 Special Report (IPCC, 2019: Climate Change and Land: an IPCC special report on climate
20 change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and
21 greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems).

22 (*if*) DPH serves approximately 65,000 meals per day (approximately two million per
23 year) and the Sheriff's Department serves approximately 4,200 meals per day (approximately
24 1.5 million per year). Given the large amount of money spent by these departments on
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procurement of food, their adherence to a Good Food Purchasing Program will likely positively influence their vendors to adopt practices consistent with Good Food Purchasing Standards.

SEC. 21D.2. GOOD FOOD PURCHASING STANDARDS.

In the procurement of food for City hospitals operated by DPH (Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital) and jails operated by the Sheriff's Department, the City shall strive to adhere to the vision and values of the Good Food Purchasing Standards, as stated in subsection 21D.1(~~th~~).

SEC. 21D.3. GOALS FOR HOSPITALS.

To implement Good Food Purchasing Standards, DPH shall seek the following:

(a) Local ~~and Community Based~~-Economies: To ~~build from the baseline~~~~achieve baseline~~ goals set forth in the 2019 DPH Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2021, DPH will~~ ~~through~~ developing a Request for Proposals that reflects the Good Food Purchasing pillars, ~~and awarding~~ a contract to a local produce vendor, and ~~maintain~~ sourcing of at least 15% of food from very large family-owned producers (as defined by United States Department of Agriculture standards) within 250 miles, ~~source 5% of food from medium/small farms by January 2027, and increase sourcing from medium/small farms to 10–15% by January 2028.~~

DPH shall actively pursue extra points towards baseline goals by planning to purchase at least 1% cumulatively of food from vendors that are Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, Limited Resource, Veteran, or Disabled Farmers/Ranchers by January 1, ~~2027~~2022.

(b) Environmental Sustainability: To ~~build from the baseline~~~~achieve baseline~~ goals set forth in the 2019 DPH Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2022, by January 1, 2026, DPH will~~ ~~purchasing~~ 100% of meat derived from animals raised without the routine use of medically important antimicrobial drugs for disease prevention purposes. DPH

1 shall achieve a 4% carbon and water footprint reduction by January 1, 2028~~1~~, and a 20%
2 carbon and water footprint reduction by January 1, 2029~~5~~. DPH shall ~~take~~continue other
3 measures to ~~maintain~~achieve environmental sustainability, including review and revision of
4 menus (by January 1, 2026~~4~~), ~~continuation~~implementation of Meatless Mondays, ~~(by January 1,~~
5 ~~2021), eliminating use of and maintaining removal of disposable water bottles in facilities~~(by
6 ~~January 1, 2021), and optimizing waste recovery systems to reduce waste~~(by January 1, 2023).

7 (c) Valued Workforce: To ~~build from the baseline~~achieve baseline goals set forth in the
8 2019 DPH Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2021, by January 1,~~
9 ~~2026, DPH will~~through encourageing all vendors to commit to full compliance with labor law
10 and working to prevent labor law violations from occurring, for both Laguna Honda Hospital
11 and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. Starting in January 2027, DPH will share
12 publicly the status and findings of its outreach to vendors regarding labor violations to increase
13 transparency from vendors.

14 (d) Animal Welfare: To ~~build from the baseline~~achieve baseline goals set forth in the
15 2019 DPH Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2023, DPH~~through
16 will evaluate~~ing the its~~ menus for opportunities to decrease meat use (by January 1, 2026~~4~~),
17 purchaseing 105% of total food purchases from animal welfare certified products (by January
18 1, 2028~~3~~), and decreaseing animal product purchase volume by 15% and replaceing it with
19 plant-based foods (by January 1, 2027~~3~~).

20 (e) Community Health and Nutrition: To ~~build from the baseline~~achieve baseline goals set
21 forth in the 2019 DPH Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2021, by~~
22 ~~January 1, 2026, DPH will~~through offering free drinking water, conducting an analysis of
23 products with regards to trans-fat and whole grains, and further refining nutrition goals specific
24 to a safety net hospital setting.

(f) Additional actions to achieve the above goals include: ~~development of a departmental sustainability policy to guide purchasing decisions;~~ examination of opportunities for joint procurement for the two hospitals; development of specifications for the department's dairy and eggs contracts to comply with Good Food Purchasing Standards; development of specifications for the department's meat contracts to comply with Good Food Purchasing Standards; and education of vendors on Good Food Purchasing Standards.

SEC. 21D.4. GOALS FOR JAILS.

To implement Good Food Purchasing Standards, the Sheriff's Department shall seek the following with respect to jails:

(a) Local and Community-Based Economies: To ~~build from the baseline~~ ~~continue to meet the baseline~~ goals set forth in the 2019 Sheriff's Department Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report, ~~by January 1, 2026, the Sheriff's Department will~~ ~~with more than 20% of the department's total food expenditures meeting the criterion of being locally sourced at Good Food Purchasing Standards Level 1. The Sheriff's Department's goal is to~~ increase its local food spending allocation from ~~15~~20% to ~~24~~40% on vendors who are large- or medium-scale operations, family- or cooperatively-owned, and within 250 miles of San Francisco (Good Food Purchasing Standards Levels 2 and 3), by January 1, 2023.

(b) Environmental Sustainability: To ~~build from the baseline~~ ~~achieve~~ goals set forth in the 2019 Sheriff's Department Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2022, by January 1, 2026, the Sheriff's Department will~~ ~~through spending~~ at least ~~10~~5% of the department's total food expenditures on products grown without the use of pesticides and/or that have received one or more of the nationally-recognized certifications referenced in the Good Food Purchasing Standards Level 1, or ~~reducing~~ the carbon and water footprint of food purchases by at least 4% after January 1, 2022 (with the goal of doubling ~~within two~~ ~~the next~~

years), increasing purchasing of products derived from animals raised without the routine use of medically important antimicrobial drugs for disease prevention purposes to 25% by January 1, 2028, and ensuring each year ongoing that no seafood purchases are listed as “avoid” by Monterey Bay Seafood Watch Guide (or other similar environmental monitoring body whose standards may be substituted by the Purchaser).

(c) Valued Workforce: To build from the baseline ~~achieve~~ goals set forth in the 2019 Sheriff's Department Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2022, by January 1, 2026, the Sheriff's Department will prioritize~~ through spending at least 5% of the department's total food expenditures on products supplied by vendors with a social responsibility policy that prioritizes non-poverty wages for their employees, labor peace agreements, safe and healthy working conditions, prohibition of child labor, employment benefits, and policies to prevent sexual harassment/assault, a Good Food Purchasing policy, a worker education training program, or are certified by one or more nationally-recognized fair trade organizations, and work with vendors to purchase products for whom the grower, processor, and distributor meet the qualifying criteria. Wherever possible, in evaluation criteria or reference checks for vendors, the Sheriff's Department shall encourage all vendors to commit to full compliance with labor and employment laws and work to prevent violations from occurring. Starting in January 2027, the Sheriff's Department will share publicly the status and findings of its outreach to vendors regarding labor violations to increase transparency from vendors.

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Purchasing Standards (Levels 2 and 3) by January 1, 202~~2~~⁷, through replacing 35% of the total volume of animal products with plant-based foods and reaching 50% reduction relative to the baseline assessment by January 1, 2024 with plant-based foods.

(e) Community Health and Nutrition: To build from the baseline~~achieve~~ goals set forth in the 2019 Sheriff's Department Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2021, by January 1, 2026, the Sheriff's Department will~~~~through~~ spending at least 51% of the department's total food expenditures on Level 1 products, increasing the amount of whole or minimally processed foods by 5% from baseline year, and having fruit, vegetables, and whole grains account for at least 50% of the total food purchases.

SEC. 21D.5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) By January 1, 2026, and every two years thereafter, DPH and the Sheriff's Department shall each submit a report to the Board of Supervisors that includes all updated assessments since the 2019 baseline assessment detailing their adherence to the five Good Food Purchasing Standards as stated in subsection 21D.1(h). This report shall also include a summary of the status of DPH's and the Sheriff's Department's outreach to vendors to encourage compliance with labor laws.~~One year from the effective date of this Chapter 21D, DPH and the Sheriff's Department shall each submit a report to the Board of Supervisors assessing their adherence to the five Good Food Purchasing Standards as stated in Section 21D.1(d). This initial report shall constitute the baseline standards against which the goals of Sections 21D.3 and 21D.4 will be measured. One year from the date of the initial report, DPH and the Sheriff's Department shall each submit a report documenting their progress in meeting the baseline standards, and shall continue to submit reports annually from that point thereafter.~~

SEC. 21D.6. PARTIAL SUNSET DATE.

~~Sections 21D.3, 21D.4, and 21D.5 shall become inoperative five years after the effective date of this Chapter 21D.~~

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

By: /s/
VALERIE J. LOPEZ
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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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Existing Law

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The sections of the Code that establish food-related procurement goals for hospitals and jails, and impose reporting requirements on those departments, are scheduled to sunset in September 2025.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would remove the sunset date so that the food-related goals for hospitals and jails, and the reporting requirements imposed on City departments, remain in effect without interruption. In addition, the ordinance would revise the goals for hospitals by:

- establishing a goal of sourcing 5% of food from medium/small farms;
- increasing sourcing from medium/small farms to 10-15%;
- requiring DPH to share its findings relating to vendor labor violations; and
- decreasing the goal for meat use from 15% of total purchases to 10%.

The ordinance would revise the goals for jails by:

- increasing its local food allocation goal to 20-40%;
- increasing the goal for purchasing foods grown without pesticides from 5% to 10%;
- requiring the Sheriff's Office to share its findings relating to vendor labor violations.

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

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(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
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- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Sponsor(s):

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Subject: D10 - Walton - Ordinance - Food Purchasing for Jails & Hospitals
Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 4:55:30 PM
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Good afternoon Clerk Team,

Attached is Supervisor Walton's introduction today for an ordinance on food purchasing for jails & hospitals. Looping in DCA [@LOPEZ, VALERIE \(CAT\)](#) & [@PEARSON, ANNE \(CAT\)](#) to confirm. If possible, we are requesting a 30-day waiver as some of the provisions in current administrative code will be expiring in September.

Thank you,
Natalie

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Hi Natalie –

Attached please find a copy of the legislation that Valerie prepared for you, along with a legislative digest. The legislation is approved as to form and ready for introduction. Please let me know if you have any questions, as Valerie will be out this week. Thanks.

Anne

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10 Schools (2019); City of Boston, including Boston Public Schools (2019); and Austin
11 Independent School District (2019); San Francisco (2020); Santa Clara (2021).

12 (g) In a May 2023 University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources report
13 entitled “Farm to Corrections: Opportunities & Challenges in Integrating California-Grown Produce
14 Into the State Prison System,” the authors opine that poor nutrition in state carceral facilities increases
15 the risk for poor physical and psychological health outcomes, leading to increased long-term health
16 care costs, which impact individuals, facilities, and surrounding communities.” Investing in the day-to-
17 day health of the incarcerated population can lead to significant savings in the long run.” The San
18 Francisco Food Security Task Force’s report for 2025 included recommendations that aligned with this
19 finding, noting that nutrition and food security are directly tied to health and that access to healthier
20 food can decrease health care costs.

21 (h) The Good Food Purchasing Program, as established by the Center for Good
22 Food Purchasing, ~~aims to~~ support public institutions in transforming the way they purchase
23 food, by creating a transparent and equitable food system built on principles of ~~social justice~~
24 ~~and racial~~ equity, accountability, and transparency, and rooted in five core values: local
25 community-based economies; environmental sustainability; valued workforce; animal welfare;

1 and community health and nutrition. Each of the five value categories has a baseline standard
2 ~~that for~~ institutions ~~to~~ must meet in order to be considered a “Good Food Leader Provider.” A
3 copy of the Good Food Purchasing Program is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
4 Supervisors in File No. 200244 ~~for the ordinance establishing this Chapter 21D~~. These standards
5 are based on third-party certifications ~~that have been~~ ranked by national experts in each
6 category. The program allows institutions to assess their food vendors’ alignment with the
7 good food purchasing standards, and sets multi-year goals for meeting the baseline
8 standards, with flexibility to prioritize some categories over others. The five value categories
9 are as follows:

10 (1) Local and Community-Based Economies: Support ~~diverse, family and cooperatively~~
11 ~~owned,~~ small and mid-sized agricultural and food processing operations within the local area
12 or region, including those owned by people who have experienced negative systemic social and/or
13 economic impacts.

14 (2) Environmental Sustainability: Support ~~source from~~ producers that employ
15 sustainable production systems ~~that~~ reduce or eliminate synthetic pesticides and fertilizers;
16 ~~improve~~ avoid the use of hormones, routine antibiotics, and genetic engineering; conserve and
17 ~~regenerate~~ soil health and carbon sequestration ~~water; protect and enhance wildlife habitats and~~
18 ~~biodiversity; and~~ reduce fossil fuel inputs and protect water resources; support biodiversity and
19 ecological resilience; reduce on-farm energy and water consumption, food waste, and greenhouse
20 gas emissions; and reduce or eliminate single use-plastics and other resource-intensive packaging.
21 ~~Reduce menu items that have high carbon and water footprints using strategies such as plant-forward~~
22 ~~menus that feature smaller portions of animal proteins in a supporting role.~~

23 (3) Valued Workforce: Source from producers and vendors that provide a dignified
24 livelihood, which includes respect for the right to organize, safe and healthy working conditions,
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1 and fair compensation for all food chain workers and producers, from production to
2 consumption.

3 (4) Animal Welfare: Source from producers that provide healthy and humane
4 conditions for farm animals, and reduce the number of animal products purchased and served by
5 shifting toward plant-based foods.

6 (5) Community Health and Nutrition: Promote health and well-being by offering
7 generous portions of vegetables, fruit, whole grains, and minimally processed foods, while
8 reducing salt, added sugars, saturated fats, and red meat consumption, and eliminating
9 artificial additives. Improve equity, affordability, accessibility, and consumption of high quality,
10 culturally relevant good food in all communities.

11 (*ie*) Many of the aforementioned value categories, including not only Environmental
12 Sustainability, but also Local and Community-Based Economies, are critically connected to the
13 City's efforts to combat climate change. While the City's efforts have focused on reducing
14 emissions through strategies via transportation, buildings, and zero waste as documented in
15 the Department of the Environment's July 2019 "Focus 2030: A Pathway to Net Zero
16 Emissions" report, and the 2021 updated Climate Action Plan, reducing meat consumption and
17 increasing plant-based diets is an important strategy to curb climate change, evidenced by
18 the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's "Climate Change and Land"
19 Special Report (IPCC, 2019: Climate Change and Land: an IPCC special report on climate
20 change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and
21 greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems).

22 (*if*) DPH serves approximately 65,000 meals per day (approximately two million per
23 year) and the Sheriff's Department serves approximately 4,200 meals per day (approximately
24 1.5 million per year). Given the large amount of money spent by these departments on
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procurement of food, their adherence to a Good Food Purchasing Program will likely positively influence their vendors to adopt practices consistent with Good Food Purchasing Standards.

SEC. 21D.2. GOOD FOOD PURCHASING STANDARDS.

In the procurement of food for City hospitals operated by DPH (Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital) and jails operated by the Sheriff's Department, the City shall strive to adhere to the vision and values of the Good Food Purchasing Standards, as stated in subsection 21D.1(~~th~~).

SEC. 21D.3. GOALS FOR HOSPITALS.

To implement Good Food Purchasing Standards, DPH shall seek the following:

(a) Local ~~and Community Based~~-Economies: To ~~build from the baseline~~~~achieve baseline~~ goals set forth in the 2019 DPH Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2021, DPH will~~ ~~through developing~~ a Request for Proposals that reflects the Good Food Purchasing pillars, ~~and awarding~~ a contract to a local produce vendor, and ~~maintain~~ sourcing of at least 15% of food from very large family-owned producers (as defined by United States Department of Agriculture standards) within 250 miles, ~~source 5% of food from medium/small farms by January 2027, and increase sourcing from medium/small farms to 10–15% by January 2028.~~

DPH shall actively pursue extra points towards baseline goals by planning to purchase at least 1% cumulatively of food from vendors that are Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, Limited Resource, Veteran, or Disabled Farmers/Ranchers by January 1, ~~2027~~2022.

(b) Environmental Sustainability: To ~~build from the baseline~~~~achieve baseline~~ goals set forth in the 2019 DPH Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2022, by January 1, 2026, DPH will~~ ~~purchasing~~ 100% of meat derived from animals raised without the routine use of medically important antimicrobial drugs for disease prevention purposes. DPH

1 shall achieve a 4% carbon and water footprint reduction by January 1, 2028~~1~~, and a 20%
2 carbon and water footprint reduction by January 1, 2029~~5~~. DPH shall ~~take~~continue other
3 measures to ~~maintain~~achieve environmental sustainability, including review and revision of
4 menus (by January 1, 2026~~1~~), ~~continuation~~implementation of Meatless Mondays, ~~(by January 1,~~
5 ~~2021), eliminating use of and maintaining removal of disposable water bottles in facilities~~(by
6 ~~January 1, 2021), and optimizing waste recovery systems to reduce waste~~(by January 1, 2023).

7 (c) Valued Workforce: To ~~build from the baseline~~achieve baseline goals set forth in the
8 2019 DPH Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2021, by January 1,~~
9 ~~2026, DPH will~~through encourageing all vendors to commit to full compliance with labor law
10 and working to prevent labor law violations from occurring, for both Laguna Honda Hospital
11 and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. Starting in January 2027, DPH will share
12 publicly the status and findings of its outreach to vendors regarding labor violations to increase
13 transparency from vendors.

14 (d) Animal Welfare: To ~~build from the baseline~~achieve baseline goals set forth in the
15 2019 DPH Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2023, DPH~~through
16 will evaluate~~ing the its~~ menus for opportunities to decrease meat use (by January 1, 2026~~1~~),
17 purchaseing 105% of total food purchases from animal welfare certified products (by January
18 1, 2028~~3~~), and decreaseing animal product purchase volume by 15% and replaceing it with
19 plant-based foods (by January 1, 2027~~3~~).

20 (e) Community Health and Nutrition: To ~~build from the baseline~~achieve baseline goals set
21 forth in the 2019 DPH Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2021, by~~
22 ~~January 1, 2026, DPH will~~through offering free drinking water, conducting an analysis of
23 products with regards to trans-fat and whole grains, and further refining nutrition goals specific
24 to a safety net hospital setting.

(f) Additional actions to achieve the above goals include: ~~development of a departmental sustainability policy to guide purchasing decisions;~~ examination of opportunities for joint procurement for the two hospitals; development of specifications for the department's dairy and eggs contracts to comply with Good Food Purchasing Standards; development of specifications for the department's meat contracts to comply with Good Food Purchasing Standards; and education of vendors on Good Food Purchasing Standards.

SEC. 21D.4. GOALS FOR JAILS.

To implement Good Food Purchasing Standards, the Sheriff's Department shall seek the following with respect to jails:

(a) Local and Community-Based Economies: To build from the baseline ~~continue to meet the baseline~~ goals set forth in the 2019 Sheriff's Department Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report, by January 1, 2026, the Sheriff's Department will ~~with more than 20% of the department's total food expenditures meeting the criterion of being locally sourced at Good Food Purchasing Standards Level 1. The Sheriff's Department's goal is to~~ increase its local food spending allocation from ~~15~~20% to ~~24~~40% on vendors who are large- or medium-scale operations, family- or cooperatively-owned, and within 250 miles of San Francisco (Good Food Purchasing Standards Levels 2 and 3), by January 1, 2027~~3~~.

(b) Environmental Sustainability: To build from the baseline ~~achieve~~ goals set forth in the 2019 Sheriff's Department Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2022,~~ by January 1, 2026, the Sheriff's Department will ~~through spending~~ at least ~~10~~5% of the department's total food expenditures on products grown without the use of pesticides and/or that have received one or more of the nationally-recognized certifications referenced in the Good Food Purchasing Standards Level 1, or ~~reducing~~ reducing the carbon and water footprint of food purchases by at least 4% after January 1, 2027~~2~~ (with the goal of doubling within two ~~the next~~ years).

years), increasing purchasing of products derived from animals raised without the routine use of medically important antimicrobial drugs for disease prevention purposes to 25% by January 1, 2028, and ensuring each year ongoing that no seafood purchases are listed as “avoid” by Monterey Bay Seafood Watch Guide (or other similar environmental monitoring body whose standards may be substituted by the Purchaser).

(c) Valued Workforce: To build from the baseline ~~achieve~~ goals set forth in the 2019 Sheriff's Department Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2022, by January 1, 2026, the Sheriff's Department will prioritize~~ through spending at least 5% of the department's total food expenditures on products supplied by vendors with a social responsibility policy that prioritizes non-poverty wages for their employees, labor peace agreements, safe and healthy working conditions, prohibition of child labor, employment benefits, and policies to prevent sexual harassment/assault, a Good Food Purchasing policy, a worker education training program, or are certified by one or more nationally-recognized fair trade organizations, and work with vendors to purchase products for whom the grower, processor, and distributor meet the qualifying criteria. Wherever possible, in evaluation criteria or reference checks for vendors, the Sheriff's Department shall encourage all vendors to commit to full compliance with labor and employment laws and work to prevent violations from occurring. Starting in January 2027, the Sheriff's Department will share publicly the status and findings of its outreach to vendors regarding labor violations to increase transparency from vendors.

(d) Animal Welfare: To build from the baseline ~~achieve~~ goals set forth in the 2019 Sheriff's Department Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2022, by January 1, 2026, the Sheriff's Department will~~ through spending at least ~~15%~~ 5% of the department's total food expenditures on products supplied by vendors who have received nationally-recognized organic and/or humane certifications (Level 1), and increase purchasing food items at higher levels of animal welfare certifications as recognized in the Good Food

Purchasing Standards (Levels 2 and 3) by January 1, 202~~2~~⁷, through replacing 35% of the total volume of animal products with plant-based foods and reaching 50% reduction relative to the baseline assessment by January 1, 2024 with plant-based foods.

(e) Community Health and Nutrition: To build from the baseline~~achieve~~ goals set forth in the 2019 Sheriff's Department Good Food Purchasing Standard baseline report ~~by January 1, 2021, by January 1, 2026, the Sheriff's Department will~~ through spending at least 51% of the department's total food expenditures on Level 1 products, increasing the amount of whole or minimally processed foods by 5% from baseline year, and having fruit, vegetables, and whole grains account for at least 50% of the total food purchases.

SEC. 21D.5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) By January 1, 2026, and every two years thereafter, DPH and the Sheriff's Department shall each submit a report to the Board of Supervisors that includes all updated assessments since the 2019 baseline assessment detailing their adherence to the five Good Food Purchasing Standards as stated in subsection 21D.1(h). This report shall also include a summary of the status of DPH's and the Sheriff's Department's outreach to vendors to encourage compliance with labor laws. ~~One year from the effective date of this Chapter 21D, DPH and the Sheriff's Department shall each submit a report to the Board of Supervisors assessing their adherence to the five Good Food Purchasing Standards as stated in Section 21D.1(d). This initial report shall constitute the baseline standards against which the goals of Sections 21D.3 and 21D.4 will be measured. One year from the date of the initial report, DPH and the Sheriff's Department shall each submit a report documenting their progress in meeting the baseline standards, and shall continue to submit reports annually from that point thereafter.~~

SEC. 21D.6. PARTIAL SUNSET DATE.

~~Sections 21D.3, 21D.4, and 21D.5 shall become inoperative five years after the effective date of this Chapter 21D.~~

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

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