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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 Rules Committee:

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

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

San Francisco has already made important strides in improving food procurement by assessing existing food vendors alignment with the Good Food Purchasing Standards through Resolution 191-18ⁱⁱ and setting goals for improvement in Ordinance No. 134-20ⁱⁱⁱ. Since Ordinance No. 134-20 passed, both Departments have improved their food procurement but still have room for growth. By continuing to build on the foundation established the City and County can continue its role as a national leader and set a strong example for Good Food Purchasing Program participants across the country.

The Good Food Purchasing Program has strong overlap with existing San Francisco plans and recommendations which identify prioritizing food purchasing and access to meet sustainability, health, and food security goals. These include the San Francisco Climate Action Plan^{iv} and the San Francisco Food Security Task Force 2025 Recommendations^v. San Francisco has an opportunity to continue leading by leveraging its purchasing power to strengthen a regional food economy – one in which small and mid-sized farmers have sufficient demand for their products and our public institutions help improve access to healthy, high-quality food that is sustainably, fairly, and humanely produced. This amendment will help the city continue its progress toward this higher bar.

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

Sincerely,

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

ⁱⁱ 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>

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

^{iv} San Francisco Environment Department “2021 San Francisco Climate Action Plan”
https://www.sfenvironment.org/files/2021_climate_action_plan.pdf

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