

From: [Kitty Jones](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 11:59:14 AM

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Hi! My name is Kitty Jones. I am submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th.

I appreciate 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.

Animal agriculture is extremely environmentally destructive and inherently violent and cruel. It's an industry completely based on destroying land and killing animals. We will look back in history and be horrified that we had funded killing animals and the planet.

Please do the right thing! Divest **at least 50%!**



To whom it may concern,

350SF is working toward deep greenhouse gas emissions reductions in San Francisco to address the climate emergency. We are helping push forward a natural gas ban for new building construction, and we're engaged in the SF Climate Emergency Coalition.

We are also aware that agriculture, particularly animal agriculture, is a major emitter of greenhouse gases and driver of deforestation, and we need to address this through food policy. We are very encouraged to see that the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance proposed by Supervisor Fewer includes climate goals.

San Francisco declared a climate emergency in recognition of the fact that we must take ambitious and immediate action. We are asking the SF public hospitals to match the Sheriff's department goals of 50% replacement of animal products with plant-based foods by Jan 1, 2024. This would send a unified signal as a City that we're taking the climate crisis seriously, and it would inspire other cities to make the same groundbreaking climate commitments in their food policy.

Sincerely,
350SF



To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

San Francisco's Citizens' Climate Lobby chapter is a grassroots group that has been deeply involved in the San Francisco Climate Emergency Coalition. In our meetings with Supervisors, we have spoken up about the need for clean, renewable energy in our buildings.

We are also aware that agriculture, particularly animal agriculture, is a major emitter of greenhouse gases and driver of deforestation, and we need to address this through food policy. Shifting consumption away from greenhouse-gas and land-intensive animal products has been shown by scientists to be one of the most high-impact and crucial ways to bring greenhouse gas emissions down to a level compatible with 1.5° Celsius of warming. As residents of the world's fifth-largest economy, Californians must take responsibility for emissions resulting from their relatively high consumption of animal products in order for the world to have a chance of limiting global warming to a more tolerable level. We are very encouraged to see that the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance proposed by Supervisor Fewer, already adopted by the SF Unified School District in 2016, includes climate goals.

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In addition to the climate benefits, there is an abundance of research illustrating that plant-based meals can reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, therefore enabling healthy meals for San Francisco hospital patients. We agree that efforts to both reduce carbon emissions and serve healthy, plant-based meals to our community contribute to improving the health of the community overall.

Sincerely,

Citizens Climate Lobby – San Francisco Chapter

From: [Vicky](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:01:15 AM

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Hello:

The intent of this email is to submit a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th. Along with the climate goals that are reflected in this food policy, I urge you to call for a stronger commitment and to secure the support of ALL city departments to replace 50% of animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024.

Your truly,

Victoria Tuorto

From: [sana](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:26:26 AM

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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
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From: [Patrizia De Luca](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:07:49 AM

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Patrizia De Luca
patriziadeluca4@gmail.com

From: [Almira Tanner](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 12:06:24 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to urge you to amend the current proposed GFFP ordinance going before the Rules Committee on July 13th. The current goal for hospitals of 15% is unacceptable and frankly a slap in the face to all those who are suffering due to animal agriculture's devastating impact on the climate and public health, not to mention the animals who are abused inside farms and the workers who are getting sick and dying from horrific conditions inside slaughterhouses.

I appreciate that San Francisco is acknowledging the need to remove city funds from animal agriculture, but if we know how bad it is, why stop at 15%? We need full divestment from this destructive industry. I understand that hospitals and jails need time to transition and this cannot go into effect immediately, but full divestment by 2023 or 2024 seems extremely possible - and necessary - when we find ourselves in a climate emergency and global pandemic linked to animal exploitation.

I respectfully ask you to update this ordinance and take a bolder stance for the animals, the workers, and the future of this planet.

Thank you,

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Almira Tanner
Lead Organizer
Direct Action Everywhere
she/her/hers



[Help DxE #CancelAnimalAg](#)

From: [Chloe Leffakis](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 12:16:46 PM

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My name is Chloe Leffakis, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules committee on July 13th. I like that this food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough to alleviate the climate emergency. 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.

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Thank you.

From: [Genshu Chris Ro](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 12:43:01 PM

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Thank you for your consideration. The situation is dire. Animal agriculture is cruel and excessively destructive to our environment.

Sincerely,
Christopher Ro

From: [Alison Barnard](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 12:57:09 PM

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Hello,

My name is Alison Barnard, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules committee on July 13th.

I appreciate that the current food policy has climate goals, but it doesn't go far enough to express the urgency of the matter at hand. 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.

We should not be using city funds to create a more dangerous and inequitable future, considering the threat of pandemic disease, the current state of climate emergency, the negative health impacts of animal product consumption (& preventative health measures of a plant-based diet), workers' rights (considering the high rate of COVID-19 transmission in meat-packing plants/slaughterhouses and the abuse of undocumented workers in these facilities), and the treacherous conditions of the animals being commodified by this industry.

San Francisco has a history of leading the way with progressive initiatives, so I have full faith that the SF Board of Supervisors will take this issue seriously. Please work to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

Best Regards,

Alison Barnard

From: [Aparajita Sood](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:49:25 AM

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Hi Victor,

My name is Aparajita Sood, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th.

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.

Hoping for your support on this.
thanks,
Aparajita

From: [Rocky Chau](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:59:57 AM

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Hello, my name is Rocky Chau and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th. 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 ALL of animal "products" with plant-based protein by Jan 1st, 2024.

From: [Dean Wyrzykowski](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:14:51 AM

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Dear SF Rules Committee,

My name is Dean Wyrzykowski, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules committee on July 13th. 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 for your consideration.

Best,
Dean

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Dean Wyrzykowski
University of California, Berkeley
Class of 2019 | Political Economy
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From: [Wayne Hsiung](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: My public comment about the Good Food Purchasing program
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:17:04 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I am an attorney, board member of the Climate Defense Project, and candidate for Mayor of Berkeley in 2020. I'm writing to acknowledge the Board of Supervisors' efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing our reliance on climate-destroying industries. But I'd like to say: it doesn't go far enough.

This recent study in [Science](#) is just one example of the devastating climate impacts of animal agriculture. "Most strikingly, impacts of the lowest-impact animal products typically exceed those of vegetable substitutes, providing new evidence for the importance of dietary change." And we don't have time. We have to be bold.

I'm hoping SF can act more aggressively, by setting its initial goal at 50% and setting eventual targets for 100%.

The world can't wait.

Thanks for your consideration.

Best,
Wayne

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From: [Makayla Pickett](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:30:37 PM

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Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,
Makayla Picky

From: [Christina Brown](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:57:20 AM

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Hello,

My name is Christina Brown 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 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.

Let's change the system together and end animal agriculture for a better future.

Christina

From: [David Masica](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:43:43 PM

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Hello, I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th.

I'm so happy to see the Rules Committee recognize the devastating environmental impact of animal agriculture, as acknowledged by the proposed ordinance. To that end, I urge you to consider a stronger commitment, one that requires all city departments to replace animal products with plant-based protein by Jan 1st 2024. Meat, dairy, and eggs are a top contributor to every chronic disease, the cause of ~75% of all pandemics, and the number-one cause of total environmental destruction; there is overwhelming consensus in the peer-reviewed literature on these points, and we need action commensurate with the scale of this problem.

Thank you for your consideration!

From: [jasmine.woodson](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:42:34 AM

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Thank you,

Jasmine Woodson

From: [Julie Waldroup](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:08:17 AM

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Hello,

My name is Julie Waldroup. I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th. 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.

Julie Waldroup
Walnut Creek, CA

From: [Alby Gebretsadik](#)
To: [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: YES on DSS & Public Advocate to clean up corruption and clean up our streets
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:39:31 AM

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Of the Board of Supervisors,

Hello,

I'm writing in strong support for both the Public Advocate and the Department of Sanitation and Streets measures sponsored by Supervisors Gordan Mar and Matt Haney.

The status quo is broken. While corrupt officials continue to line their pockets, our streets keep getting dirtier. San Francisco needs structural reform to address the corruption that's run rampant for years. We need oversight and accountability to ensure our government is effective, transparent, and serving the public good. We need to clean up corruption, and clean up our streets, and we can do that with a Public Advocate and a Department of Sanitation and Streets.

The Public Advocate and Department of Sanitation and Streets (DSS) are both common sense measures that are thoughtful, comprehensive, and will work hand in hand to make our City more effective and accountable. DSS will ensure we have a department dedicated to keeping our city clean and green and will provide the public oversight we so desperately need. The Public Advocate will ensure we have an office dedicated to rooting out corruption, fraud, and abuse of the public trust.

In light of the public health crisis, the economic downturn, an ongoing FBI scandal, and additional revenue measures heading to the November ballot, it's more important than ever that we rebuild trust in our government. We need to clean up our City and City Hall, and we need the structural reforms proposed by Supervisors Haney and Mar to do it. To deny voters the chance to decide on these measures in November would be a further betrayal of the public trust.

Please vote YES to fix the broken status quo -- vote YES for the Public Advocate, vote YES for the Department of Sanitation and Streets, and keep our City clean, safe, and accountable.

Alby Gebretsadik
sfalbyg@gmail.com

Oakland, California 94602

From: [Susan Nawbary](#)
To: [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Subject: YES on DSS & Public Advocate to clean up corruption and clean up our streets
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:08:12 AM

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Susan Nawbary
snawbary@yahoo.com

San Anselmo, California 94960

From: [Colette Bartel](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Plant Based Purchasing Policy
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:07:25 PM

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Hello,

My name is Colette Bartel. I currently live in Los Angeles but call Berkeley home. 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. It is great 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. This is a positive step towards us having a future on Earth at all, and progressive San Francisco should be one of the pioneers in this movement.

Thank you,
Colette Bartel

From: [Aung Ko](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:38:16 PM

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My name is Aung Ko Ko 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 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.

Kind regards,
Aung Ko Ko

From: [Marbrisa Flores](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:21:33 PM

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My name is Marbrisa Flores, 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. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Marbrisa Flores

From: [Matthew Leeds](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: On Climate Change and the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:06:06 AM

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Hi,

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: [Lina Lakoczky-Torres](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 1:03:56 PM

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My name is Lina Lakoczky-Torres, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th. 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 for your time.

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Lina Lakoczky-Torres
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Major
Menlo College '23



From: [Mary e McKee](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: @ Good Food Purchasing Program
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Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program

"My name is Mary Elizabeth McKee and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th.

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San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy. It's really the right thing to do if you would give it some thought.

We no longer need to kill anyone in order to eat well.

Thanks for reading. Thanks for your compassionate consideration. Be Safe.

Mary E McKee

From: [Erica Wilson](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment re: Good Food Purchasing Program!!
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 1:57:40 PM

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Hello,

My name is Erica Wilson and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer that is going before the Rules committee on July 13th.

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 show their commitment to the planet. San Francisco must divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

Thanks,

Erica Wilson

From: [Diana Deikman](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 3:53:09 PM

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Hi, I am Diana Navon, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules committee on July 13th. 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. And it is unspeakably cruel to sentient animals. San Francisco needs to divest and defund animal agriculture by transitioning to a 100% plant-based purchasing policy.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Diana Navon

From: [Ernst Karel](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 4:05:55 PM

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To the Rules Committee:

My name is Ernst Karel, and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules committee on July 13th.

While it's crucial that this food policy has climate goals, there's no good reason that it can't go much further than it does. It's clear now that animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics, and we also know that the industry is a major driver of our planetary climate emergency. And of course we ought not also lose sight of another crucial factor, one which reminds us who we are on this earth: this industry is simply unkind to other sentient beings with whom we share this earth, and to whom we owe respect. We cannot in good conscience continue supporting this cruel industry.

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

Many thanks,
Ernst Karel

From: [kevin baker](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 4:30:47 PM

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Hello,

My name is Kevin Baker and I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th. 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.

Sincerely,

Kevin Baker

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Christopher St. John](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment re: the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 5:11:04 PM

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Dear Mr. Young,

I'm writing to submit a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th.

Having food policy climate goals is great, 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.

The time to act is now. The stakes are very high.

Thanks very much for your time,

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From: [Cassie King](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 5:30:56 PM

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Hello,



I am writing to submit a public comment on the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules committee on July 13th. I think it could and should be much stronger. I have investigated factory farms, including those here in the Bay Area. I have seen filthy, crowded conditions and diseased animals as well as rotting corpses. 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 should be taking immediate action to divest from animal agriculture 100% and transition to a plant-based purchasing policy.

Sincerely,
Cassandra King

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From: [Rasa Petrauskaite](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment on the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 7:50:11 PM

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Hello members of the SF Rules Committee,

My name is Rasa Petrauskaite, and I'm a volunteer with the animal rights group Direct Action Everywhere. I would like to request that you please support the Good Food Purchasing Program and also change the target for hospitals to reduce the purchases of animal products by 50% to match the goal set forth by the SF Sheriffs department.

I personally feel very passionate about helping animals. I feel a lot of compassion for them. So that's why I'm working towards our groups's vision of eventually having humans only help animals and not harm them. Ideally we would like the Good Food Purchasing Program to mandate complete elimination on animal products, but a 50% reduction is a big step in the right direction.

Also, we all probably know that animal agriculture is one of the main contributors to climate change. We all want to stabilize global temperatures. So this is another one of many reasons why we as a society need to take urgent action to reduce and eliminate animal agriculture.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Rasa Petrauskaite

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Rasa Petrauskaite
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From: [Alice Liu](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2020 8:59:48 PM

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Hello,

I'm submitting a public comment about the Good Food Purchasing Program ordinance being proposed by Supervisor Fewer and going before the Rules Committee on July 13th. 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.

Animal agriculture is a breeding ground for future pandemics, just as how COVID-19 had animal origins. It's also a major contributing factor to deforestation and our current climate emergency.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alice Liu

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Alice, sent from Gmail Mobile

“Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.” — Earl Nightingale

From: [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Victoria Gu](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: Robert.Daroff@va.gov
Subject: Re: Statement from 92 medical professionals about the Good Food Purchasing Program
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2020 2:42:06 PM

Thank you!

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From: Victoria Gu <victoria@compassionatebay.org>
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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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Dear Members of the Rules Committee:

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

CC: Victor Young

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>

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