

# Friends of Alemany Farm

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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force members:

On behalf of the Friends of Alemany Farm, I am writing to express my support for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC). The SDDTAC was established by the will of the voters and its formation reflects a strong public mandate to ensure that soda tax revenues are used transparently and equitably to improve public health. The SDDTAC's participatory process ensures that those most impacted by sugary drink consumption and diet related disease benefit from the tax.

I've seen firsthand how SDDT-funded programs are making a difference—Organizations like Urban Sprouts, Farming Hope, Florence Fang Community Farm, and Community Grows are making huge contributions to their communities and participants through health, wellness, workforce development, and food security. These organizations are saving lives and changing lives for the better and have been thoughtfully considered by the SDDT Advisory Committee. These programs and impacts would not be possible without the support of the SDDT funds. The loss of these funds and true connections for organizations like this will have a large negative impact in these communities that will be felt for generations.

The SDDTAC dedicates hundreds of hours collectively every year to review data, hear from residents, and make thoughtful, community-centered decisions. This isn't just a government body—it's a bridge between the city and the people.

Please reconsider the recommendation to eliminate the SDDTAC

Sincerely,

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