

Discussion on Potential Food Coordination Legislation

Presentation to Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee

June 2026



Overview of Proposed Food Legislation

- **Office:** Establish an Food Security Coordination Office (FSCO) within SFHSA by enhancing the role of the existing Citywide Food Access Team
- **Advisory body:** Create a Food Security Council as an “officially-created advisory committee” co-chaired by OCFC and a community organization to meet on a quarterly basis to advise the Mayor’s Office and support citywide coordination and strategy on food security
- **Report:** Replace the Biennial Food Report with a more appropriate and impactful five-year assessment and planning cycle, paired with an interim report capturing funding and service levels and key strategic updates, led by SFHSA

Proposed Timeline

- **May - June:** Engage community and solicit feedback
- **June:** Finalize draft legislation
- **July:** Introduce legislation to the Board, prior to August recess
- **September:** Pass legislation
- **October:** New Council starts

Office of Citywide Food Coordination (OCFC): Role and Structure

| Category | Proposal |
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| Location | SFHSA |
| Purpose | Coordinate and advance a citywide, equitable food security system through strategic planning, interagency alignment, and data-driven policy and resource allocation. |
| Duties | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain an overview of City food programs and resources• Support alignment of citywide food security strategy, funding, and programs• Assess system gaps and produce food security report• Advise policymakers; monitor state/federal policy impacts• Coordinate public information sharing on available food supports• Advance equitable, culturally responsive food access• Support food planning for emergency events• Co-chair Food Security Council |

Advisory Body: Food Security Council

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| Name | Food Security Council |
| Cadence | Quarterly meetings (ongoing body) |
| Purpose | Serve as an advisory body to the Mayor's Office and City Departments on food security strategy, policy, and implementation |
| Duties | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate coordination, information sharing, and education across programs, investments, and partners • Assess trends, needs, and outcomes related to food access and security • Recommend strategies to strengthen food policy and programs • Surface challenges and support cross-sector solutions to address barriers and advance food security priorities • Advise on approach to food security report, support community input, and provide feedback on preliminary findings |
| Membership | <p>13 dedicated seats including 2 co-chairs held for 3-year terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 CBOs: including primary USDA commodity distributor and providers serving diverse populations (MYR appointment) • 5 City: OCFC, DAS-OCP, BFS-CalFresh, DPH, SFUSD (TBC) • 3 consumers: someone who participates in program or is otherwise at risk of food insecurity; family and senior representation (MYR appointment) <p>Co-chaired by OCFC and CBO representative from the above (non-voting members)</p> |

Report

| Category | Proposal |
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| Cadence | Every 5 years |
| Focus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze food needs using food security, poverty, and demographic data • Evaluate City food programs and services, including reach, utilization, and distribution across populations and neighborhoods • Assess how well current programs meet food needs; identify equity gaps across racial, economic, and geographic lines • Provide recommendations to improve policy, programs, funding, and coordination of City food supports |
| Interim report | Yes (Year 3). Provides funding and service levels across City programs and key strategic updates |
| BOS Involvement | Report presentation |
| Food Security Council involvement | Provides input into project plan, supports community input, reviews preliminary findings |