Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee
Community Input Subcommittee

Minutes

September 8, 2026 - 4:00PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 4:02pm

SDDTAC members present: Jennifer LeBarre, Priscilla Rodriguez, Chester Williams, Laura Urban, John Maa, Gabriela Castellanos Rumbo, Prasanthi Patel

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous (June) Meeting [action]
   John motions to approve minutes. Gaby seconds. 1 abstention, Prasanthi. 5 votes, minutes are approved.

3. Review & Consideration of Regular Agenda [action]
   John motions to approve agenda. Chester seconds. 6 votes, agenda is approved.

4. General Public Comment – no public comment

5. Community Input Loop Updates

- John – attended sports games, where water was more expensive than soda. At UC Berkeley game Pepsi was honored as a sponsor. Berkeley soda tax will be on the ballot and is moving forward. Awaiting to see if the beverage industry appeals the Santa Cruz soda tax, if they don't appeal, it doesn't become case law precedent for California.
- Gaby – within the Spanish speaking community, many of those who are undocumented, are receiving conflicting information about their Medi-Cal coverage. They are cancelling their appointments with their dentist, believing they will no longer have coverage. This past July 1st, Medi-Cal was supposed to stop all preventative care for the undocumented, however it was extended to next year. The cost of care without insurance is incredibly prohibitive for our community and families. Will bring this up with meeting with DPH director Tsai as there will be no dental healthcare safety net.
- P – the Office of Food Security Coordination legislation has been introduced, and the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee is going to review the legislation. Shape Up PSEAT submitted a letter of support. The Rules Committee hearing is scheduled for 9/14/2026; the 2nd iteration of the DPH Biennial Food Security and Equity Report community engagement meeting will be on 9/29/26 from 1-4pm at 25 Van Ness Room 610.
- PSEAT
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- Chester – Bayview and Fillmore working quietly on Medicare for minority communities. In the Bayview there are a number or organizations educating people about their needs and Medi-Cal.
- Laura – At the last Cavity Free SF meeting, Mission Neighborhood Headstart presented on proposed rule changes to Headstart, which will include the elimination of daily brushing. Children's Council will engage with partners to seek their feedback. Headstart centers could still do daily brushing, but they wouldn't be required to do so. Important to engage with Headstart partners to identify how this impacts their work.
- Gaby – Maryna from DPH reached out to table at back-to-school night since sealant application rates are dropping.

6. Housekeeping [discussion & possible action]

- Staff thanks members for being able to transition quickly to attend meeting virtually due to fire incident at 25 Van Ness
- Food coordination legislation to be reviewed by Board of Supervisors Rules Committee on 9/14/26 and Community Engagement meetings for the Biennial Food Security & Equity Report on 9/29/26 at 25 Van Ness
- Shape Up SF Coalition will hold its coalition meeting on 9/17 at Community Well at 12pm and the Health Commission will be honoring the coalition on its 20th anniversary with a resolution on 9/21/26.

7. Review of Proposed SDDTAC Meeting Calendar Cadence [discussion & possible action]
Staff and co-chairs have discussed a proposed SDDTAC bimonthly meeting calendar cadence beginning in 2027. Justifications include legislation requirements are to meet not less than 4 times per year, strategic implementation work resides within subcommittees and meet monthly, aligning full committee meetings with pace of subcommittee progress and to ease burden of meeting quorum for in-person meetings. Laura shares that by meeting bimonthly the hope is to support members to prioritize the in-person bimonthly meetings, and to continue meeting monthly for subcommittees. Additionally, due to the lack of budget allocations to community-based grants, we are less likely to hear presentations from the grantees. If there is a need for the SDDTAC to meet, the chairs can call for a special meeting as needed.

   Member asked if shifting to bimonthly cadence, has it been considered if the meetings will be longer than normal? Staff responded that the intention is to keep the meetings to two hours, depending on what is being discussed.

   Members agreed with proposed cadence and suggested to review cadence at 6 months to determine its effectiveness. Member suggested that co-chairs and subcommittee chairs should meet more frequently to ensure members are aware sooner, should there be special meetings calendared and communicated to members.

8. SDDTAC Strategic Implementation Plan 2026-2031 [discussion & possible action]
   Chair reviewed process of the May SDDTAC strategic planning meeting to continue the work. Staff and subcommittee chair will meet to prepare to present more on next steps and will be shared at the September SDDTAC meeting. Subcommittees should have standard agenda item, strategic plan implementation.

9. Committee Member Proposed Future Agenda Items [discussion & possible action]
   - Vote in members Dr. Sorrell and Laura Urban to join community input subcommittee
   - SDDTAC Strategic Plan Implementation
   - Review of In Advance community-based action research 1-2 pager
   - Explore what SDDTAC can do to lay foundation of 2028 and charter reform

10. Announcements [discussion & possible action]
    - Dr. Rubin Sorrell has been appointed as the oral health seat representative on the SDDTAC and will be attending the SDDTAC September meeting and is interested in joining the community input subcommittee.
    - Prop 43 – impact efforts to try to change any potential efforts to try to change commissions, etc and will be on November ballot. Threshold to pass would require 2/3 vote and to vote no, would remain as with 50% plus one.

11. Adjournment
    John motions to adjourn. Gaby seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 4:53pm.