

**FSTF Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2026**  
**1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

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**Task Force Members Present:** Priti Rane (DPH/Nutrition Services); Tiffany Kearney (DAS); Marion Sanders (HSH); Mei Ling Hui (SF Park & Rec); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies – EatSF); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Katie Jackson (Project Open Hand); Jade Quizon (FAACTS); Noriko Lim-Tepper (SFMFB); Raegan Sales (Children's Council of SF); Lura Jones (Leah's Pantry), Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre)

**Task Force Members Not Present:** Jeimal Belamide (HSA/CalFresh); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Guillermo Reece (SFAAFBC); Hannah Grant (Meals on Wheels SF)

**Also Present:** Beth Bodner (SF Environment); Cathy Huang (HSA); Cindy Lin (SFHSA Food Access); Clara Obstfeld (DCYF); Danielle Lundstrom (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion); Eric Chan (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion); Fiona McBride (SF HSA Food Access); Kimberly Jower (SFDPD Shelter Health – Consultant); Lea Treoh (UCSF); Leah Walton (SFDAS); Omar Flores (Booker T. Washington Center); Priscilla Rodriguez (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion); Serena Ngo (Hirsch Philanthropy Partners); Tiffany Dang (SFDAS); Tommy McClain (SF HSA Food Access)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
1. Call order to order 1:30 p.m.	Call to order at 1:30 p.m.	None.
2. Land acknowledgment 1:30 p.m.	Priscilla Rodriguez recited the Land Acknowledgement.	None.
3. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 1:35 p.m.	Cissie Bonini did roll call and introduced the agenda. Public Comment: None.	None.
4. General public comment 1:45 p.m.	None.	None.

<p>5. Updates on December 2025 food security roundtable and January 13<sup>th</sup> convening, Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 1:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked <a href="#">here</a>. This agenda item starts at the 0:01 minute mark and ends at the 12:46 minute mark.</p> <p>A few Food Security Task Force (FSTF) members attended one or both of the following events: 1) the December 2025 Mayor's Food Security Roundtable and 2) the January 13<sup>th</sup> Food Futures Convening. FSTF members provided key takeaways from the discussions and potential next steps for the City and community-based organizations (CBOs).</p> <p>A discussion/Q&amp;A followed with additional notes below.</p> <p>Jade Quizon with the Food and Agriculture Action Coalition Towards Sovereignty (FAACTS) shared that her organization worked with Ernest "EJ" Jones from the Mayor's office to schedule the December 2025 Mayor's Food Security Roundtable. CBOs and City departments working to address food security in SF were in attendance.</p> <p>Participants at the roundtable discussed a vision for a food-just nourished city, current successes, and existing challenges. Cissie Bonini shared Kunal Modi's, Chief of Health and Human Services, three key takeaways. The first takeaway was a need for an integrated plan to determine what food security in SF looks like. The second takeaway was the need for coordination within and between CBOs and City departments. The third takeaway was a call for innovation to streamline the process. Jade will share additional information about the roundtable if others are interested.</p> <p>The second part of the discussion was about the January 2026 San Francisco (SF) Food Futures Convening held by the SF Human Services Agency (HSA), Third Plateau, and the Hellman Foundation. Cissie shared that there were conversations about the anticipated impacts of HR. 1. Mayor Lurie briefly attended the event to give a few words. There were also group activities and discussions around roadblocks to food security and related efforts in the City. There will be some follow up from this meeting after the information is gathered and analyzed. There was representation from CBOs, the community, government, and philanthropy all working together for this event.</p>	<p>None.</p>
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Priti Rane: It was great to brainstorm together in terms of what food systems look like, priorities, and as a larger community and City, how we can work on those priorities. It was really nice to be able to hear from other partners and work in different groups to navigate these very challenging times.

Noriko Lim-Tepper: I thought the facilitation by Third Plateau was great, especially the exercise in which we all individually put priorities on a card but then came together in a small group and laid them out in a chart based on the group's ranking of what those priorities are. It was nice to see everyone's chart because there seemed to have been some alignment and common interest on how to address the issues, especially with HR. 1 and all the provisions being rolled out this year. It was nice to see alignment amongst the group.

Raegan Sales: I would just add that another place where I noticed alignment between multiple groups was around having that shared vision for a food just future for San Francisco. I know that came up and it was something that my group worked on, but I also saw as we were doing the gallery walk that other groups were thinking about that too. It was nice to see that people were uplifting that and that it's complimentary to the advocacy that we're doing around reimagining the FSTF as well.

Lura Jones: A common theme coming up at all of the tables was that there needs to be better communication and coordination between City departments who address food security and CBOs.

Cissie Bonini: I want to highlight the beginning part of the day and HSA providing a high-level overview of HR. 1 impacts. I'm hoping that we can have a consolidated report out for this group particularly around their report for the CalFresh able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDS). They are wrestling with getting all the information they need from the state and from feds around what's actually happening.

	<p>Cissie Bonini: We like to highlight these convenings because it's good to know about communication and advocacy that's coming from and going to the Mayor's office and what the community is addressing in terms of their priorities.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Omar Flores [chat]: In the second meeting we talked about, what were some of the priority topics that were ranked or considered?</p> <p>Noriko Lim-Tepper: One was around quality data to inform decisions when creating food systems. Others were actually planning ideas of food systems with community input and data.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: Topics that I saw come up from groups include affordability, long-term planning, silos, racism, etc.</p> <p>Serena Ngo: I will be sending out hopefully a summary of what was worked on including photos. We're not spending a whole lot of time transcribing everything partly because some of it was not legible. We will be sending out a summary. For everyone that was there, feel free to share it with the rest of the community. Hopefully there can be some momentum tapped into especially the solutions part of it where a lot of groups just started talking about what each of the sectors can do and the sectors were represented there. So, there's ownership and accountability.</p>	
<p>6. Approval of minutes from December 3, 2025 2:10 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked <a href="#">here</a>. This agenda item starts at the 12:46 minute mark and ends at the 15:24 minute mark.</p> <p>Tiffany Kearney makes motion to approve meeting minutes.</p> <p>Lura Jones seconds the motion.</p> <p>11 approved. 0 opposed. 0 abstained. Motion is passed.</p> <p>Public Comment: None.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>7. Food Security Task Force 2026 annual recommendations,</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked <a href="#">here</a>. This agenda item starts at the 15:24 minute mark and ends at the 28:50 minute mark.</p>	<p>None.</p>

<p>Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 2:15 p.m.</p>	<p>The Food Security Task Force is working on their 2026 annual recommendations. Cissie reviewed the FSTF 2025 annual recommendations with the group which is also accessible through the FSTF webpage. Cissie provided recommendations on ways to simplify this year's recommendations. There are two parts to the recommendations which include the report and the PowerPoint presentation that are presented to Board of Supervisors (BOS) and other key stakeholders.</p> <p>The 2025 FSTF Recommendations report was shared on the screen and Cissie went through each page of the document. Cissie recommended changing the current landscape by updating key data such as the self-sufficiency standard (SSS), food insecurity rate in SF, and other related information. The original date for publication for the next Biennial Food Security and Equity Report (BFSER) was set for October 2025, however, that date was put on hold. Data that is available will be updated in the 2026 recommendations.</p> <p>Cissie recommended spending more time discussing threats, challenges, successes, and opportunities to food security in the next report. This includes CalFresh changes, federal legislation implications, and cuts to Medicaid. Cissie asked FSTF members and members of the public to bring ideas for this section of the report to the February FSTF meeting.</p> <p>In regard to the proposed recommendations, new ideas may arise following the February action item discussion. Based on conversations and presentations held at FSTF meetings, it was recommended to keep the recommendation to "establish an Office of Food and a permanent food advisory public body." Cissie suggested adding to the recommendations a long-term strategic plan around the food system, food justice, and food security. The 2026 recommendations would conclude by keeping "invest in adequate resources to support equitable and coordinated solutions for food security" and combining "address food security through a health equity approach" and "restore grocery access in under-resources communities."</p>	
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	<p>More information about the 2026 recommendations will be discussed at the February FSTF meeting. An opportunity for feedback was opened to FSTF members and members of the public. A discussion/Q&amp;A followed with additional notes below.</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: I think it looks great. I think the report will be effective and I think it'll be great to get it out. It'll be good to have the San Francisco information in there. One thought is including any quotes from the Mayor's office or department heads.</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: One more thought. As far as food security surveys that are still being done at some of our healthcare institutions, I don't know if it's possible to include any data from that.</p> <p>Eric Chan: We can take a look in terms of any new key data from that.</p> <p>Eric Chan: To respond to Raegan's question in the chat regarding updating data, the only local data point that we're using is the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS).</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: One of the challenges we're going to talk about is that they're no longer tracking food security on the federal level or cost of food or anything else.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Omar Flores: This is my first time joining the FSTF general meetings. I just wanted to introduce myself really fast and bring something that I find interesting. I haven't gone through the report, but I was wondering does it includes or would it be able to include under the opportunity section data regarding how different programs in the city of SF are distributed racially, by gender, or sexuality in different parts of SF. I know for example with the emergency gift cards there were specific areas where people were not able to or didn't have the ability to register their cards. I think if we're looking at this from a data perspective it might be interesting to highlight how some of these strengths, opportunities, and weaknesses that we talk about look in different communities in the Mission or wherever you want to point to.</p>	
8. Status of Food Security Task Force and next steps, Cissie	Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked <a href="#">here</a> . This agenda item starts at the 28:50 minute mark and ends at the 35:50 minute mark.	None.

Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 2:30 p.m.	<p>Cissie reviewed the current status of the FSTF. The first thing is the FSTF is set to sunset on July 1, 2026. In order for the FSTF to continue, a BOS or group of Supervisors would need to reauthorize the Task Force. It would be ideal for the Task Force to sunset if there exist a centralized food coordination structure with a strong community advisory board. The Task Force has been engaging in advocacy efforts and meeting with BOS offices. There is interest for a Supervisor to introduce legislation. A group of FSTF members is working on a draft outline of what this structure would look like. There may be other groups interested like the Mayor's office, but we are not certain. The next step is to bring this to the group for feedback. The goal is to have a new community advisory body that would have more teeth than what the FSTF currently has. The third part is to determine whether there will be action before the sunset date. The Commission Streamlining Task Force voted to eliminate the FSTF but there is still a process before it is official.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
9. In-person meeting discussion, Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 2:35 p.m.	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked <a href="#">here</a>. This agenda item starts at the 35:50 minute mark and ends at the 41:52 minute mark.</p> <p>Cissie is recommending an in-person FSTF meeting. The challenge is that it is often difficult for community to attend in person. It would be ideal to have a location that has Zoom capability.</p> <p>A discussion/Q&amp;A followed with additional notes below.</p> <p>Lura Jones: How big does the meeting room need to be?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: There's technically 20 FSTF members, 22 with Eric and P, and then some members of the public. P, what do we think we need?</p> <p>Priscilla Rodriguez: It can range anywhere from what we have now, which is 25 to I think the max we've seen aside from the November call which was maybe 50.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Beth Bodner: I can book a room at 1 south Van Ness.</p>	

	<p>Cissie Bonini: Let's look at either February or March depending on what Beth can do.</p> <p>Mei Ling Hui: I'll just throw out there if 1 South Van Ness doesn't work one of the Recs and Park facilities might. I would be happy to help make that connection.</p> <p>Katie Jackson: We also have some space at Project Open Hand (POH) that might work as well. It does have IT capability.</p>	
10. Updates and Emerging Issues 2:40 p.m.	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked <a href="#">here</a>. This agenda item starts at the 41:52 minute mark and ends at the 48:32 minute mark.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: I was just curious if anyone was able to go to the Department of Public Health's (DPH) community meeting yesterday and if anyone saw their memo that they sent out prior to that meeting about the \$17 million cuts. I can link the memo in the chat.</p> <p>Lura Jones: It didn't seem like there was anything on food. I was sad about Sunday Streets, but I'm going to go to the meeting tomorrow morning.</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: I think mainly what I'm seeing, and I think we're seeing it throughout the memos is kind of this concept of what is going to be cut to discretionary programs and trying to understand what that list entails. As we know, we have essential services and certainly I do believe food is included in that, but I think most of our clients and participants in community are accessing what we're going to call discretionary programming. I think it is critical for us to find out what's there and do some advocacy around that.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: I agree with you too, Anne. The way they use discretionary is concerning. While this initial \$17 million cut doesn't have any food programs listed, I don't know if anyone's hearing about more potential cuts in June. Definitely something to continue to harp on and monitor.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	None.
11. Adjournment 2:45 p.m.	Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.	None.

