

FSTF Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2026
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Task Force Members Present: Jeimil Belamide (HSA/CalFresh); Priti Rane (DPH/Nutrition Services); Tiffany Kearney (DAS); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Mei Ling Hui (SF Park & Rec); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies – EatSF); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Katie Jackson (Project Open Hand); Jade Quizon (FAACTS); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council of SF); Lura Jones (Leah’s Pantry), Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre)

Task Force Members Not Present: Marion Sanders (HSH); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Guillermo Reece (SFAAFBC); Noriko Lim-Tepper (SFMFB); Hannah Grant (Meals on Wheels SF)

Also Present: Beth Bodner (SF Environment); Cathy Huang (HSA); Clara Obstfeld (DCYF); Eric Chan (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion); Priscilla Rodriguez (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion); Serena Ngo (Hirsch Philanthropy Partners); Tiffany Dang (SFDAS); Tommy McClain (SF HSA Food Access); Janna Cordeiro (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Marianne Szeto (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion/ShapeUp SF); Jake Simons (Centro Latino de SF); Cindy Lin (SF HSA Food Access); Susie Smith (SFHSA); Kimberly Jower (SFDPD – Shelter Health Consultant)

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. Approval of minutes from January 21, 2026 1:40 p.m.	Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 2:25 minute mark and ends at the 5:08 minute mark. Chester Williams makes motion to approve meeting minutes. Raegan Sales seconds the motion. 8 approved. 0 opposed. 3 abstained. Motion is passed. Public Comment: None.	None.
5. General public comment 1:45 p.m.	None.	None.
6. Threats, opportunities and successes discussion for Food Security Task Force recommendations, Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies)/ Priscilla (P) Rodriguez, (DPH – CHEP) 1:50 p.m.	Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 5:35 minute mark and ends at the 46:48 minute mark. Cissie begins the discussion by referencing the January 2026 Food Security Task Force meeting’s mention of the upcoming recommendations. The 2026 recommendations will include updated 1) data displaying changes in the recent years, 2) threats, challenges, successes and opportunities, and 3) recommendations reflecting the priorities of the Task Force. Priscilla led the discussion on updated threats, challenges, successes, and opportunities. The first part of the discussion focuses on threats and challenges, and the second part focuses on successes and opportunities. A few of the listed threats and challenges included waitlists for services, H.R. 1 changes, budget cuts, retail environment constriction, rising food costs, sunseting of the FSTF, and cuts to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Some of the listed successes and opportunities included learnings from the D10 market, the FSTF Reimagining Food Coordination’s proposal for a new food organization structure, Human Services Agency’s (HSA) one-time prepaid grocery cards, food security City convenings, and public-private partnerships.	None.

	A discussion/Q&A followed with additional notes below. For threats and challenges, Anne recommended including the number of people on waitlists and the number of people receiving CalFresh. She also recommended including information about children receiving free or reduced-priced meals (FRPM). Raegan echoed the need to support child nutrition programs such as FRPM, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) given the impact H.R. 1 will have on program data. Jade asked about the San Francisco Environment Department's (SFE) budget and if there would be a loss in funding, particularly for the climate action plan. Beth responded by saying that SFE has current food recovery grants and incentives that are primarily funded by a \$2.1 million grant from CalRecycle received in 2024 and expires November 2026. There is general funding for zero waste grants, but the department is fighting to show relevance especially for climate futures thinking. The group agreed to remove staffing shortages from the list. Cissie recommended adding immigration threats and difficulty reaching populations trying to access food. The term "lack of interdepartmental collaboration" was changed to "departments working in silos." The group stated that it should be noted that the FSTF provides interdepartmental collaboration and it is under threat. Jeimil recommended combining the H.R. 1 changes bullet point with the federal/state/local budget cuts bullet point. For successes and opportunities, Raegan mentioned that mayor Lurie introduced the Family Opportunity Agenda to expand affordability in the City. She shared that this is an opportunity to capitalize on that messaging around his efforts to increase affordability and point to the importance of including food. Given the extreme wealth in the City and the low population of children compared to other places, there is no reason any child should go hungry. Katie is interested in knowing if there is data showing the economic opportunity for families who are able to afford and/or access food. Cissie responded by saying that it's a great question to ask the Food Bank. Anne also mentioned that there are no dedicated food programs for supportive	
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	housing residents. Jade recommended adding SF City Attorney Chiu’s lawsuit against UPFs and the implications on public health policy. Cissie ended the conversation by reviewing the 2025 FSTF recommendations and showing how those will be updated for 2026 including being broader around funding asks and combining grocery access with a health equity approach. Public Comment: Janna Cordeiro suggested adding additional information about the Medicaid and SNAP impacts due to cuts.	
7. Food coordination and the status of the Food Security Task Force, Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 2:20 p.m.	Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 46:48 minute mark and ends at the 1:05:55 minute mark. There are two main updates. The first one is the sunseting of the FSTF on July 1, 2026 and the Commission Streamlining’s Task Force’s recommendation to eliminate the FSTF. There is a process before it goes up for voting in November. The second part is the advocacy for an Office of Citywide Food Coordination and a community advisory board. There is uncertainty around whether there will be a creation of an Office of Food by the time the FSTF sunsets. Cissie asked two questions: 1) should the FSTF be reauthorized and 2) how long it should be authorized for. A discussion/Q&A followed with additional notes below. Chester stated that we should not lose the FSTF and recommended authorizing the Task Force for 2-3 years. He also noted the challenges that may come with the current administration focusing on cutting down commissions. Anne echoed Chester on the reauthorization of the Task Force until a new entity is created to replace the work of the FSTF. Raegan noted that it will be much easier to get the new system off the ground if the FSTF is still operating. She recommended a reauthorization of 2-3 years. Michelle agreed to go with three years to assist with implementation of the new system and supporting it in its first year.	None.

	The FSTF voted on supporting the reauthorization of the Task Force. Anne Quaintance motions to reauthorize the FSTF for 3 years with the flexibility of 2 years due to potential changes made through the approval process. Lura Jones seconds the motion. 10 approved. 0 opposed. 0 abstained. Motion is passed. Following voting, there were updates regarding the draft legislation outline that a subgroup has been working on. The legislation reflects an outline of what a draft ordinance for an Office of Food and community advisory board would look like. Katie shared that the group has been looking at the 2024 ordinance that did not pass and updating it to reflect the current landscape of food as well as community feedback. Cissie noted that the biggest section up for discussion is what and who would make up the new advisory community board. The next step is updating this section and determining where this new office will live. Raegan asked If the Task Force will have a chance to see the outline before going back to meet with the Supervisor’s office. Priscilla responded by saying she will send the draft to the FSTF via email for their review. Public Comment: None	
8. Updates and emerging issues 2:35 p.m.	Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 1:05:55 minute mark and ends at the 1:11:15 minute mark. Jeimil provided an update on CalFresh able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) H.R. 1 work requirements. The implementation date is June 1, 2026. They are still working on demographic data displaying who will be impacted by these changes. Michelle provided updates on the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) strikes with possible school closure impacting families that rely on them for food. The Department of Children, Youth, and their Families (DCYF) is working on finalizing a list of food distribution sites to combat this. Jade announced that the 3rd SF Food Action Summit tickets are now available and will take place on March 25th-26th, 2026 at the William J. Rutter Center at University of California San Francisco Mission Bay.	None.

	The next FSTF meeting in March will be in-person. Stay tuned for more details. Public Comment: None	
9. Adjournment 2:45 p.m.	Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.	None.