

FSTF Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2026
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 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); Marion Sanders (HSH); Mei Ling Hui (SF Park & Rec); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies – EatSF); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Katie Jackson (Project Open Hand); Guillermo Reece (SFAAFBC); Jade Quizon (FAACTS); Noriko Lim-Tepper (SFMFB); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council of SF); Lura Jones (Leah’s Pantry)

Task Force Members Not Present: Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Hannah Grant (Meals on Wheels SF); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre)

Also Present: Abby Cabrera (SDDTAC); Beth Bodner (SF Environment); Centro Latino de SF; Cindy Lin (SFHSA Food Access); Eria Limos; Eric Chan (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion); Imani Austin; Janna Cordeiro (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Kaela Plank (SFDPH – CDS); Laura Urban (Children’s Council of SF); Leah Walton (SFDAS); Maria Teresa Tan; Melinda Martin (SFDPH – CHEP); Olga (TAS); Peggy Moriarty (SF Mayor’s Office); Phillip Lowenthal (SFDPH- CDS); Priscilla Rodriguez (SFDPH – CHEP); Reka Vasicsek (Nutrition Policy Institute); Sally Tonsing; Sandra Rivas; Serena Ngo (Hirsch Philanthropy Partners); Steven; Stuart Fong; Susie Smith (SFHSA); Tiffany Dang (SFDAS); Tiffany Tu (DCYF); Waiching Kwan; Will Dittmar

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.

<p>4. Approval of minutes from April 1, 2026 1:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 1:14 minute mark and ends at the 4:26 minute mark.</p> <p>Priscilla (P) Rodriguez noted that Raegan Sales had a few grammatical corrections but will abstain from the vote.</p> <p>Michelle Kim makes motion to approve meeting minutes with edits. Katie Jackson seconds the motion.</p> <p>8 approved. 0 opposed. 3 abstained. Motion is passed.</p> <p>Public Comment: None.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>5. General public comment 1:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 4:26 minute mark and ends at the 5:05 minute mark.</p> <p>Public comment: None.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>6. 2026 Food Security Task Force Recommendations status, Cissie Bonini (Chair, EatSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 1:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 5:05 minute mark and ends at the 12:00 minute mark.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini provided an update on the 2026 Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Annual Recommendations Report. She shared that the report is in final stages of production. The report will be distributed to community and meetings with Board of Supervisor (BOS) offices will begin shortly after.</p> <p>P shared screen and went through each page of the report. The latest version was created in partnership with a graphic designer. The report totals 10 pages with the cover page and FSTF member page. Cissie mentioned that there is also a PowerPoint to complement the report. Common themes include the impacts of H.R. 1 and the need for adequate funding for food security.</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>The three 2026 recommendations were highlighted: 1) community-driven food coordination structure; 2) mitigate impacts of state and federal budget cuts with a special focus on impacts of H.R. 1; and 3) increase food security through a health equity approach.</p> <p>A discussion/Q&A followed with additional notes below.</p> <p>Michelle Kim pointed out a formatting issue between page 7 and 8. She appreciates the new design and graphics.</p> <p>Cissie reiterated the importance of FSTF members attending meetings with BOS offices to discuss the recommendations. P will reach out with invitations once scheduled.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>7. Status of Food Security Task Force and next steps, Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 1:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 12:00 minute mark and ends at the 15:30 minute mark.</p> <p>Cissie shared that an update on the new food structure will be presented by Peggy Moriarty who is with the Mayor’s office. The FSTF is slated to sunset on July 1, 2026. A number of Supervisors were interested in reauthorizing the Task Force unless a new structure is created to replace the FSTF. Reauthorization has been put on hold until the group learns more about the new food structure during Peggy’s presentation.</p> <p>A discussion/Q&A followed with additional notes below.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>8. Updates and emerging issues 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 15:30 minute mark and ends at the 22:40 minute mark.</p> <p>This agenda item was moved up the agenda.</p> <p>There were no updates from FSTF members.</p> <p>During this time, Cissie shared the draft 2026 FSTF Recommendations slides. There are still adjustments that need to be made. The consistent message is the urgency to address food</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>security due to the high cost of living, high cost for food, and cuts to CalFresh. The slides compare the Self-Sufficiency Standard (SSS) to annual income and discuss health disparities by neighborhood. The slides discuss the impacts due to cuts to CalFresh and Medicaid as well as threats to Medically Supportive Food and Nutrition (MSF&N). They end with a summary of the three recommendations proposed by the FSTF.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>9. Update on a new food structure in San Francisco, Peggy Moriarty (Mayor's Office) 2:10 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 22:40 minute mark and ends at the 1:09:25 minute mark.</p> <p>Peggy Moriarty from the Mayor's office presented on potential food coordination legislation. As a City, she stated that we are facing a massive change due to H.R. 1. In addition to keeping people enrolled in benefits, there have been suggestion on a new food structure in San Francisco (SF). The City recognizes the importance of addressing the food system as a whole in SF and how this new legislation will assist in working together in a more coordinating fashion.</p> <p>The overview of the proposed food legislation includes an Office of Citywide Food Coordination (OCFC), an advisory body, and a report. The OCFC will exist within the San Francisco Human Services Agency (SFHSA). The advisory body/food security council will meet on a quarterly basis to advise the Mayor's Office and support citywide coordination and strategy on food security. The new report will replace the Biennial Food Security and Equity Report (BFSER), moving from every two years to every five years and paired with an interim report.</p> <p>The proposed timeline is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May – June: Engage community and solicit feedback • June: Finalize draft legislation • July: Introduce legislation the Board, prior to August recess • September: Pass legislation • October: New Council starts 	<p>FSTF will meet again at the June meeting to discuss recommendations for the proposal.</p>

	<p>Peggy shared the OCFC role and structure including its location, purpose, and duties. The purpose is to coordinate and advance a citywide, equitable food security system through strategic planning, interagency alignment, and data-driven policy and resource allocation.</p> <p>She discussed the advisory body/food security Council but noted that they are still figuring this out. The purpose of this body is to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor’s office and City Departments on food security strategy, policies, and implementation. It is proposed that the council will have 13 dedicated seats including 2 co-chairs held for 3-year terms including 5 CBO’s, 5 City, and 3 consumers.</p> <p>The cadence for the report is every 5 years. The interim report is proposed every 3 years which will provide funding and service levels across City programs and key strategic updates.</p> <p>The new safety pod has also been in discussion to bring together City departments to address food security and improve food coordination in San Francisco.</p> <p>A discussion/Q&A followed with additional notes below.</p> <p>Chester Williams asked the reasoning behind housing the OCFC in SFHSA. Peggy responded by saying that SFHSA comprises more than 85% of City funding for food.</p> <p>Raegan Sales: How would seat appointments be made for the food security council?</p> <p>Peggy: In the current proposal, this would predominately be mayoral appointments.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Can you expand on the budget and how this might impact this council?</p> <p>Peggy: We are in the process of finalizing the budget and are still trying to figure out the changes to departments and how this will impact the structure of this body. We are trying to figure out if this is a Brown Act body or one that is not as formal.</p> <p>Cissie: We are big on transparency and one way of doing this is ensuring public meetings.</p> <p>Peggy: We want to make sure meetings are public. We are still figuring out what this looks like.</p>	
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	<p>Cissie: One distinction between the FSTF and the current proposal is the size of the body and its rotation. For other City departments not included currently or in this proposal, is there any thought on how those groups are going to be included in the new format?</p> <p>Peggy: For the internal pod, we are already engaging a number of departments. We are imagining that this internal structure would allow us to bring community input to different departments.</p> <p>Priti Rane: I want to make sure the work around food systems and the health aspect of it all does not get lost.</p> <p>Peggy: We view this as an intersected topic, especially around maternal health. We are going to continue to determine how we can do more here.</p> <p>Raegan: Just to confirm, three of the five department seats would be from SFHSA?</p> <p>Peggy: That is the current proposal because SFHSA is so big they have different lenses.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: We hear that a long term food system plan cannot be committed to by the Mayor’s office at this time, but we do believe it can be done. We are working on developing a plan for the plan and developing other parts of a long term plan that can be done in the meantime, so it is available when that time to prioritize comes around.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>10. Biennial Food Security and Equity Report preliminary dataset, Kaela Plank (SFDPH – CDS) and Phil Lowenthal (SFDPH – CDS) 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 1:09:25 minute mark and ends at the 1:45:45 minute mark.</p> <p>Kaela Plank and Phil Lowenthal with the Department of Public Health (DPH) – Center for Data Science (CDS) presented on the preliminary data set for the new Biennial Food Security and Equity Report (BFSEER). Ordinance No. 103-21 requires DPH to provide a preliminary data set on health conditions and health disparities of City residents to the Reporting Departments.</p>	<p>None.</p>

Kaela began with food insecurity data in SF. 43% (55,000) of SF residents with incomes below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) experienced food insecurity (pooled 2019-2023). The percent of adults experiencing food insecurity differs across neighborhoods in SF is highest among adults living in Bayview Hunters Point, Tenderloin, Chinatown, and Visitacion Valley.

In regard to income and poverty, the median household income between 2019-2023 were lowest for those who identify as Black/African American or American Indian and Alaska native. In 2023, 10.6% (~87K) of SF residents live below FPL and 21% (172K) lived below 200% FPL. When stratifying by race and ethnicity from 2019-2023, poverty was highest among American Indian and Alaska Native and Black/African American residents. Within the same timeframe, 18-24 year old residents experienced more poverty when compared to other age groups in SF.

Phil discussed nutrition-sensitive mortality. Mortality due to malnutrition was highest among Black/African American residents in SF between 2021-2023. Between 2020-2024, mortality rates were highest among Black/African Americans per 100,000 residents for ischemic heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, hypertensive disease, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes mellitus, and colon/rectum cancer.

From 2021-2023, hospitalization rates due to diabetes were higher among several race/ethnicity groups compared to all SF residents. This includes Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (NHOPI), American Indian or Alaska Native, and Black/African Americans. Hospitalizations rates due to hypertension were higher among NHOPI and Black/African American residents compared to all SF residents. Hospitalizations rates due to heart failure were higher among NHOPI and Black/African American residents compared to all SF residents. The hospitalization rate due to heart failure was highest in zip code 94124.

From 2014-2022, rates of preterm birth were highest for Black/African American residents who were pregnant. From 2020-2022, the rate of low birthweight births was highest for Black/African American pregnant people in SF (14.1 per 100 births) vs citywide (7.1 per 100 births). The rate of gestational diabetes was highest for Asian pregnant people in SF (15.5 per 100 births) citywide (9.4 per 100 births). The rate of gestational hypertension was highest for

	<p>Black/African American pregnant people in SF (18.3 per 100 births) citywide (12.1 per 100 births).</p> <p>Regarding general trends in mental health, the highest rates of hospitalization for major depression were observed among 12-24 years olds (31 hospitalizations per 10,000) from 2019-2023.</p> <p>From 2022-2023, fruit and vegetable intake remains low while sugary drink intake is high among SF youth. Adult sugary drink consumption has increased since 2018.</p> <p>Based on the data presented, the priority populations include but are limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitional aged youth (16-24 years old) • Children (0-17 years old) • Older adults (65 years and older) • American Indian or Alaska Native • Black/African American • NHOPI • Asian Pregnant people • Zip codes 94124, 94102, 94103, 94130, 94134 <p>A discussion/Q&A followed with additional notes below.</p> <p>Cissie: This data reflects our recommendations and food insecurity across the City. The senior population may not always show up in the data, but these issues are prevalent among them and different populations throughout multiple areas.</p> <p>Janna Cordeiro: The data shows that diabetes hospitalizations for Latinos had a much lower percentage but my understanding is the number of Latinos in SF with diabetes is much higher. It might be useful to provide that context, especially when talking about the correlation between food and diabetes.</p>	
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<p>11. Adjournment 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.</p>	