

FSTF Meeting Minutes
June 10, 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); Tiffany Kearney (DAS); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Lisa Rachowicz (HSH); Mei Ling Hui (SF Park & Rec); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies – EatSF); Katie Jackson (Project Open Hand); Guillermo Reece (SFAAFBC); Jade Quizon (FAACTS); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council of SF); Hannah Grant (Meals on Wheels SF); Lura Jones (Leah’s Pantry); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre)

Task Force Members Not Present: Priti Rane (DPH/Nutrition Services); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Noriko Lim-Tepper (SFMFB)

Also Present: Alex Raffanti (SFMFB); Alexandria Florez-Mendez (Upward Health); Asa King (SFDPH); Beth Bodner (SF Environment); Cathy Huang (HSA); Cindy Lin (SFHSA Food Access); Clara Obstfeld (DCYF); Danielle Lundstrom (SFDPH – CHEP); Eria Limos; Eric Chan (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion); Eugene Kirpichov (Work On Climate); Jacklyn Wong (SFDPH – CDS); Janna Cordeiro (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Kaela Plank (SFDPH – CDS); Kim Wong (SFDPH – CHEP); Laura Urban (Children’s Council of SF); Leah Walton (SFDAS); Melinda Martin (SFDPH – CHEP); Michael Pon; Priscilla Rodriguez (SFDPH – CHEP); Roya Bagheri (COOK Alliance); Santiago Silva (Mayor’s Budget Office); Serena Ngo (Hirsch Philanthropy Partners); Susie Smith (SFHSA); Tiffany Dang (SFDAS); Tommy McClain (SFHSA Food Access); Claudia Llanos (HOMEY-SF)

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. Cissie noted that Marion Sanders with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) will be stepping down as a Food Security Task Force (FSTF) member and Lisa Rachowicz (HSH) will be taking over.	None.

	Public Comment: None.	
4. Approval of minutes from May 13, 2026 1:40 p.m.	<p>Raegan Sales makes motion to approve meeting minutes. Lura Jones seconds the motion.</p> <p>7 approved. 0 opposed. 2 abstained. Motion is passed.</p> <p>Public Comment: None.</p>	None.
5. General public comment 1:45 p.m.	Public comment: None.	None.
6. City budget updates, Santiago Silva (Mayor's Budget Office) 1:50 p.m.	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 0:00 minute mark and ends at the 20:30 minute mark.</p> <p>Santiago Silva with the Mayor's Budget Office provided a budget update relating to food security in San Francisco. The current proposed budget focuses on strengthening the safety net amid federal cuts, investing \$34 million to keep residents enrolled in benefits, and further strengthens food access. The \$34 million is from the City's state and federal emergency reserve. This investment will fund new Human Services Agency (HSA) staffing positions across eligibility and workforce teams, Medi-Cal renewals, qualifying work activities in response to new work requirements, and a commitment to Medi-Cal and CalFresh coverage.</p> <p>The investment is organized in three blocks for the 2026-2027 budget: 1) continuing programs, 2) new Request for Proposal (RFP) 100, and 3) Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT) programs. For continuing programs, \$55.2 million will go to HSA and the Department of Public Health (DPH) for ongoing general fund food and nutrition services. \$0.9 million will go to the new RFP 100 for five new food security grants in the proposed budget. \$11.4 million will go to SDDT programs such as healthy schools and school meals, healthy food purchasing, oral health, and HSA food security.</p> <p>For continuing programs, ~ \$33.6 million will go to senior and disability nutrition, ~ \$11.4 million will go to neighborhood groceries and vouchers, and ~ \$10.2 million will go to targeted and emergency food purposes.</p>	None.

	<p>The SDDT programs fund HSA food security programs (~ \$7.5 million), healthy schools and school meals (~\$1.8 million), healthy food purchasing supplement (~ \$1 million), early childhood nutrition (~ \$0.25 million), and oral health, dental sealants and staffing (~ \$1million).</p> <p>Note: Santiago submitted an updated version on the slide and removed “small business healthy food retail (~ \$0.15 million).</p> <p>The new food programs through RFP 100 fund Children’s Council of SF, City Hope SF, Farming Hope, Foodwise Community, and Rafiki Coalition.</p> <p>Santiago included an appendix with a breakdown of funding for each program.</p> <p>A discussion/Q&A followed with additional notes below.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Can you discuss the workforce requirements a bit further?</p> <p>Santiago Silva: Given that renewal for benefits will now happen every 6 months, there is a need for increased staffing to address the demand.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: Regarding the increase in HSA, staffing does it go from 116 in fiscal year (FY) 26-27 to 138 in FY 27-28?</p> <p>Santiago Silva: Yes, we expect the workload to grow between FY 26-27 and 27-28.</p> <p>Raegan Sales: In the SDDT slide, there was ~ \$1 million for funding for oral health. Could you explain that further?</p> <p>Santiago Silva: We still have funding for staffing for DPH and a program for dental hygiene/ sealants.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Even with an increase of eligibility workers, is there an estimate of how many people will lose benefits?</p> <p>Santiago Silva: We do not have precise estimates right now, but we predict that some will lose coverage. The magnitude is in the tens of thousands.</p>	
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	<p>Jade Quizon: Does the \$34 million from the reserve include the request for information (RFI) that HSA just put out?</p> <p>Susie Smith: The RFI has no funding tied to it. We are looking at our own budget to determine reallocation for workforce services. That is not part of our budget ask for next year.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>7. Update on a new food structure in San Francisco, Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 2:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 20:30 minute mark and ends at the 1:20:55 minute mark.</p> <p>The FSTF has been recommending a centralized office of food coordination with a strong advisory board. We know that the Mayor’s office has proposed legislation and has been presenting to different community groups for feedback. In the meantime, we received notice that based on the Commission Streamlining Task Force’s recommendation to eliminate the FSTF, the Task Force will sunset on June 29th, 2026.</p> <p>Priscilla (P) Rodriguez shared the proposal slides that were presented by Peggy Moriarty (Mayor’s Office) at the May FSTF meeting. Cissie reviewed the slides with the group as a quick recap.</p> <p>Cissie asked Task Force members to discuss what they would like to see in this new proposal. Cissie noted that there is a gap in representation for children and family services in the food security council. There are also no faith-based organization representation or other food security coalitions. A discussion/Q&A followed with additional notes below.</p> <p>Michelle Kim: I attended a safety net pod meeting, and it seems like there will be quarterly meetings where updates will be given to different groups, but it will not be like the current FSTF format where we meet monthly.</p> <p>Geoffrey Grier: Has anyone asked the Mayor’s office about their capacity to implement this plan? I am on other boards and commissions and the conversation we are having about a new council is what is also being said in other commission meetings.</p>	<p>The FSTF subgroup that put together the proposal for the Office of Citywide Food Coordination legislation will meet again to go over this feedback and finalize the document.</p>

	<p>Cissie Bonini: I have heard questions about the criteria for determining seat appointments as well as other criteria related to the role.</p> <p>Katie Jackson: Hopefully Peggy is listening to community and will incorporate our feedback in the final proposal.</p> <p>Katie Jackson: For the current food security council language, should we change “diverse populations” to “populations that are disproportionately impacted by food insecurity”?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: I am always a fan of adding seats with more representation. HSA has a lot of representation in this proposal, should we also include other departments? Any recommendations?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini and Raegan Sales recommended the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families (DCYF).</p> <p>Geoffrey Grier recommended Behavioral Health Services (BHS).</p> <p>Lisa Rachowicz recommended HSH.</p> <p>Mei Ling Hui: It is confusing as to why the chair of the council does not have voting power. It would also be great to see more meeting times to keep everyone up to date. Quarterly meetings are better than nothing, but monthly meetings keep community engaged and connected. The FSTF monthly meetings are very well attended.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: One of our recommendations was open meetings with public comment. Currently, the proposal is not utilizing the Brown Act so it would be a different process and procedures for the new council.</p> <p>Mei Ling Hui: The Brown Act helps ensure accountability and transparency. I think it would help if it used these rules.</p> <p>Geoffrey Grier: If this is not negotiable, the FSTF should put this recommendation on record, so it is known.</p>	
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	<p>Michelle Kim: I think monthly meetings would be too cumbersome but if the safety net pod is meeting every other month, then having a public forum every other month would make sense.</p> <p>Raegan Sales: It seems like everything is appointed by the Mayor. Some checks and balances would be great, like having departments or Board of Supervisors (BOS) make some appointments.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: We previously recommended adding an evaluation of the Office of Food and Security Council and potentially adding in a requirement for the Mayor to respond to the council in writing to justify decisions.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Asa King, Deputy Director of Community Health at DPH, acknowledged the work of the FSTF and the contributions the committee has made to addressing food insecurity in San Francisco.</p> <p>Janna Cordeiro: One thing Peggy said at a previous meeting is we are absolutely not going to do a strategic plan, but it is one thing that has been recommended by city leaders in food security. I could understand why the Mayor’s office is overwhelmed by it, but I wonder if it has been discussed that a private entity could take on this role. She also said there is no additional funding for staffing for this which seems like a set up for failure.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: We have mentioned this to the Mayor’s office, and we are working on a plan to address food systems as a whole.</p> <p>Beth Bodner: Connect with Tyrone Jue with San Francisco Department of Environment (SFE) to learn more about SFE’s commitment to a food landscape assessment for the City.</p>	
<p>8. Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO), Roya Bagheri (COOK Alliance) 2:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 1:20:55 minute mark and ends at the 1:35:40 minute mark.</p> <p>Roya Bagheri, Executive Director of COOK Alliance, presented on Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO). This came about through AB 626 – The Homemade Food Operations Act that was passed into law by California legislature in 2018. This allows cooks to obtain a MEHKO permit to legally sell most types of food directly to the public from a home</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>kitchen. 60% of all Californians now have access to a MEHKO program, however, San Francisco has not yet adopted this.</p> <p>This program creates a more affordable entry into the culinary industry for low income folks and historically marginalized groups. MEHKO allows entrepreneurs to start their food businesses with minimal overhead expenses as they can utilize their home kitchens instead of investing in commercial spaces.</p> <p>The average startup cost for a brick and mortar food establishment is ~ \$400,000 compared to ~ \$1,000 for the all-in cost to launch a MEHKO. This program expands access to fresh, healthy, and culturally appropriate meals by creating hyper-local food opportunities, especially in underserved areas.</p> <p>MEHKO's have caps that are designed to protect food safety by ensuring that they are only producing a safe amount of food for a home kitchen. The annual gross revenue allowed from a MEHKO is \$100,000. There are also a 30 meal cap per day and 90 meal cap per week.</p> <p>The total startup costs average around \$1,000 including highly recommended liability insurance. Permit costs vary by county, typically averaging around \$700. Some jurisdictions offer fee waivers to help reduce barriers for applicants.</p> <p>A discussion/Q&A followed with additional notes below.</p> <p>Michelle Kim asked if Roya has tried to contact someone at DPH and has a contact if needed.</p> <p>Roya noted that it would be important to set up meeting with BOS offices to gauge their interest in this.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>9. Biennial Food Security and Equity Report update, Eric Chan</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 1:35:40 minute mark and ends at the 1:37:18 minute mark.</p>	

<p>(SFDPH – CHEP) 3:10 p.m.</p>	<p>Eric Chan with DPH provided an update on the Biennial Food Security and Equity Report (BFSEER). The deadline for reporting departments is coming up. From here on out, DPH will start cleaning and analyzing the data. Community meeting will take place in the fall to examine the data and make recommendations. The report will be published by end of year or beginning of 2027.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>10. Updates and emerging issues 3:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 1:37:18 minute mark and ends at the 1:44:00 minute mark.</p> <p>Michelle Kim noted that DCYF will begin their meal program on June 15th. She also shared that her last day with DCYF will be June 17th and has enjoyed her connections and experiences in her role.</p> <p>Jennifer Lebarre shared the San Francisco Unified Schools District’s (SFUSD) summer meal list. Most programs will start on June 15th.</p> <p>Jade Quizon shared that ExtraFood reached out to announce that they have excess food so if anyone is interested, she can connect them. If anyone is also interested in a long food systems plan, you can contact her.</p> <p>Cissie shared that FSTF members have been meeting with BOS offices regarding the 2026 FSTF recommendations. Currently, the group has met with the offices of Supervisor Mahmood, Dorsey, and Fielder. They will continue to meet with more offices.</p> <p>Following the dissolution of the FSTF, there will be a new unofficial listserv that will go out to folks that are interested in meeting and staying up to date.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>11. Acknowledgements, Cissie Bonini (Chair,</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 1:44:00 minute mark and ends at the 1:44:39 minute mark.</p>	<p>None.</p>

<p>Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 3:25 p.m.</p>	<p>Cissie acknowledged Eric Chan and Priscilla (P) Rodriguez for serving as backbone staff for the FTSF. She also acknowledged Dr. Paula Jones and all previous FSTF members.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>12. Adjournment 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.</p>	