

# Discussion on Potential Food Coordination Legislation

Presentation to FSTF

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## Overview of Proposed Food Legislation

- **Office:** Establish an Office of Citywide Food Coordination (OCFC) within SFHSA by enhancing the role of the existing Citywide Food Access Team
- **Advisory body:** Create a Food Security Council co-chaired by OCFC and a community organization to meet on a quarterly basis to advise the Mayor's Office and support citywide coordination and strategy on food security
- **Report:** Replace the Biennial Food Report with a more appropriate and impactful five-year assessment and planning cycle, paired with an interim report capturing funding and service levels and key strategic updates, led by SFHSA

## Proposed Timeline

- **May - June:** Engage community and solicit feedback
- **June:** Finalize draft legislation
- **July:** Introduce legislation to the Board, prior to August recess
- **September:** Pass legislation
- **October:** New Council starts

# Office of Citywide Food Coordination (OCFC): Role and Structure

Category	Proposal
Location	SFHSA
Purpose	Coordinate and advance a citywide, equitable food security system through strategic planning, interagency alignment, and data-driven policy and resource allocation.
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain an overview of City food programs and resources</li><li>• Support alignment of citywide food security strategy, funding, and programs</li><li>• Assess system gaps and produce food security report</li><li>• Advise policymakers; monitor state/federal policy impacts</li><li>• Coordinate public information sharing on available food supports</li><li>• Advance equitable, culturally responsive food access</li><li>• Support food planning for emergency events</li><li>• Co-chair Food Security Council</li></ul>

# Advisory Body: Food Security Council

Category	Proposal
Name	Food Security Council
Cadence	Quarterly meetings (ongoing body)
Purpose	Serve as an advisory body to the Mayor's Office and City Departments on food security strategy, policy, and implementation
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate coordination, information sharing, and education across programs, investments, and partners</li> <li>• Assess trends, needs, and outcomes related to food access and security</li> <li>• Recommend strategies to strengthen food policy and programs</li> <li>• Surface challenges and support cross-sector solutions to address barriers and advance food security priorities</li> <li>• Advise on approach to food security report, support community input, and provide feedback on preliminary findings</li> </ul>
Membership	<p>13 dedicated seats including 2 co-chairs held for 3-year terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 CBOs: including primary USDA commodity distributor and providers serving diverse populations (MYR appointment)</li> <li>• 5 City: OCFC, DAS-OCP, BFS-CalFresh, DPH, SFUSD (TBC)</li> <li>• 3 consumers: someone who participates in program or is otherwise at risk of food insecurity; family and senior representation (MYR appointment)</li> </ul> <p>Co-chaired by OCFC and CBO representative from the above (non-voting members)</p>

# Report

Category	Proposal
Cadence	Every 5 years
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze food needs using food security, poverty, and demographic data</li> <li>• Evaluate City food programs and services, including reach, utilization, and distribution across populations and neighborhoods</li> <li>• Assess how well current programs meet food needs; identify equity gaps across racial, economic, and geographic lines</li> <li>• Provide recommendations to improve policy, programs, funding, and coordination of City food supports</li> </ul>
Interim report	Yes (Year 3). Provides funding and service levels across City programs and key strategic updates
BOS Involvement	Report presentation
Food Security Council involvement	Provides input into project plan, supports community input, reviews preliminary findings