

## June 17, 2020 SF SDDTAC meeting - SF Produce Market Emergency Food Program

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Sugary Drinks Distributors Tax Advisory Committee  
c/o Melinda Martin  
San Francisco Department of Public Health  
25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 500  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: SF Produce Market Emergency Food Program

Dear Members of the Committee:

My name is Teddy Fang and I am a co-founder of the Florence Fang Community Farm in the Bayview neighborhood. Beginning as a community organizing project we have become the second largest urban farm, and largest community farm in San Francisco.

I am writing to commend you on your work supporting the SF Produce Market Emergency Food Program, and to urge you to expand that work.

As a participant of that program, our community farm has been able to provide fresh produce to over 200 neighborhood residents (50 families). These families might be unable to get these fresh fruits and vegetables, except through this program. Many of these families include elderly members and/or young children. Most are either Chinese

(with limited English proficiency) or African American households. All are economically disadvantaged.

We are SF's largest community farm because we are operated by and serve the same Bayview community. Prior to the pandemic emergency we partnered with the SF-Marin Food Bank and operated a weekly pantry providing food staples to over 200 families. That has been discontinued and for many of those families, the SF Produce Market Emergency Food Program has been their only replacement.

We strongly urge you to expand this program so SF Produce Market's community network can feed even more families. We know at our community farm that there are many more families we could reach if we had more fresh produce to provide them.

Thank you for your consideration and all your good work,

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