

# REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE

April 7, 2021

# PROCESS TO REAUTHORIZE

Discussion with  
\*FSTF – March 3  
\*DPH Office of  
Policy Planning  
\*BOS meetings  
(March & April)

**TODAY**  
- Input and  
Review with  
FSTF

Discussion with  
City Agencies,  
BOS

Revise  
ordinance  
language,  
provide to City  
Attorney

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revisions

Introduce at  
BOS meeting by  
mid-late May

## WHAT WE'RE COVERING TODAY

- NEW: NEED INPUT - Definition of food security
- NEW: NEED INPUT – Process to nominate of members
- NEW: NEED INPUT – Length of membership terms
- Review input – from last Month
- Next steps

## ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTIONS 5.10-1 AND 5.10-2, IN CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE X

- Sunset date – July 1, 2021 (3 years from last reauthorization)
- Sections of ordinance:
  - Membership – 20 members – nominated by the task force and voted on by the Board of Supervisors
  - Staffing – SF Department of Public Health
  - Meetings – must meet at least 1 time every 4 months
  - Purpose of the Task Force – Strategic Plan
  - Length of task force

NEW

## DEFINITION: FOOD SECURITY

- Food security, for purposes of this ordinance, shall mean the state in which all persons obtain a nutritionally adequate, culturally acceptable diet at all times through local non-emergency sources.
- Question - Should there be any changes? Should the focus be food security, food justice, food sovereignty? Nutrition security?
- ADD “Access to safe, nutritious, and culturally acceptable food is a basic human right and is essential to human health”? Included in SFBOS Resolution 447-13 *Resolution committing the City and County of San Francisco to a food secure and hunger free San Francisco.* “The Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San Francisco commit to ensuring that all San Franciscans are food secure and hunger free by 2020”

NEW

## MEMBERSHIP – SELECTION PROCESS

- Seats 1- 7 – City agency representatives appointed by the Director of the agency.
- Seat 8 – SFUSD – appointed by the District
- Seats 9 through 19 shall be held by representatives of community-based organizations that provide nutritional support and increase the food security of San Francisco residents nominated by the Task Force and appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Are any changes needed for the nomination process?

What is the length of the membership term?

## PURPOSE OF THE FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE

- Recommend legislative action and city-wide strategies to increase participation in federally funded programs.
- Provide general advice and assistance regarding funding, programs and policy on addressing hunger and enhancing the food security of San Francisco residents in addition to any other issues within the Task Force's expertise
- Prepare annual assessment of the state of hunger and food insecurity in San Francisco with recommendations for funding, programs and policy and submit to the Board of Supervisors

Question - Should there be any changes?

## FEEDBACK ON PURPOSE (FROM MARCH 3)

### Task Force member feedback:

- Annual assessment – the task force doesn't have the capacity to do this. This should be a city function. The Task Force should oversee the report.
- Maybe put “prepare assessment” but not “annual assessment”
- Get rid of “federally funded”
- Include language to make explicit that the report should take an “equity lens” and “health equity lens”
- Add - Engage with marginalized residents in SF
- Urban Forestry Council requires data in the way described – see Environment Code Chapter 12
- **Public comment:** The purpose of the FSTF is to provide recommendations for funding, policy and programs, but it struggles to do this because of rules for public bodies. For example – the task force can't make specific funding recommendations due to potential conflicts of interest. The task force can't support policies unless the City supports them. How can this challenge be overcome?



## EDITED/PURPOSE OF THE FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE

- Engage the community to develop recommendations legislative action and city-wide strategies to increase ~~participation in federally funded programs~~ racial and health equity by increasing food security.
- Provide general advice and assistance regarding funding, programs and policy on addressing hunger and enhancing the food security of San Francisco residents in addition to any other issues within the Task Force's expertise
- In collaboration with City departments, prepare ~~annual~~ assessment of the state of hunger and food insecurity in San Francisco with recommendations for funding, programs and policy and submit to the Board of Supervisors

Question - Should there be any changes? Should we list the city departments and their role?

## MEMBERSHIP

- *All – indefinite terms (2 open seats) (18 seats currently filled, 2 openings)*
- Seats 1-7 City Agencies (HSA, DPH/Nutrition Services; DAS; DCYF; DPH/Food Security; HSH; Rec & Park)
- Seat 8 – SFUSD
- Seats 9 - 19 - representatives of community-based organizations that provide nutritional support and increase the food security of San Francisco residents.
- Seat 20 – Member of the public
- *Questions: What changes are needed? Should the membership terms be changed? Should other agencies or seats be added? Should nomination process be changed?*

## FEEDBACK ON MEMBERSHIP(FROM MARCH 3)

### Task Force member feedback:

- Add seats for community impacted by food insecurity
- Add corner store/grocery store representative
- Add Office of Racial Equity as a member
- Add Office of Economic and Workforce Development
- Add group with expertise in food recovery
- Add seat for transportation, and a for profit seat
- Could there be funding for stipends to support community members to participate as members? (YES)
- Would like to see the community reflected – from the highest impacted neighborhoods
- Call out membership by neighborhood (example: Latino Task Force for Mission; what group for Bayview?)
- Designate a seat/CBL that serves specific populations (example pregnant and lactating people)
- Some existing members may need to cede seats to community members
- The Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Group added seats for 3 health equity coalitions

### 9 SEATS SUGGESTED:

- 2 City / 1 SFUSD
- 6 representative groups

### Public comment:

- Likes adding membership seats for folks most impacted, corner stores, and OEWD
- Don't agree that the task force should be tied to the length of the pandemic
- Need to have an odd number of seats
- Could there be a second seat for SFUSD
- Add seat for immigrant population

### OTHER SUGGESTED CHANGES:

- Some seats represent specific population groups
- Need representation from specific neighborhoods
- Explore funding stipends for some seats

## STAFFING

- Currently - Department of Public Health
- *Question: What is needed for staffing?*

## FEEDBACK ON STAFFING

### Task Force member feedback:

- Need staff capacity to do the assessment
- Need dedicated analytical staff to publish timely data – the CCC Feeding Group reports have been helpful
- Now – everyone on the task force pitches in to help staff the task force, and at times puts in financial resources to publish report.
- The Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee has dedicated staff to coordinate the activities of the Committee, funds to hire evaluation consultants and communication consultants.
- The Food Security Task Force needs dedicated staff and financial resources.

### Responsibilities:

- Meeting logistics, minutes, email list, website, etc.
- Prepare annual report/assessment
- Coordination with members, public, speakers
- Prepare meeting documents, presentations
- Produce communication materials
- Community engagement

### Funds needed:

- Stipends, communications

## LENGTH OF TASK FORCE

- **Question:** How long should the task force be extended?
- **Answers:**
  - What would the maximum amount of time be?
  - In consideration of the impact of Covid-19 on food security – the length of time should be 5 years.
  - 5 years makes more sense
  - The time frame should be beyond the pandemic and through the recovery phase.

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SPECIAL MEETING IF NEEDED

Either:

Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm (CHOSEN)

Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm