Racial Equity & Food Sovereignty

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Food insecurity deepened due to the collapse of our food systems:

- 56% of food service and hospitality workers in SF lost their jobs
- 39% increase in mortality for agriculture and food workers in CA
- Even before the pandemic, 1 in 4 residents in SF did not have reliable access to healthy food
What’s Fueling Food Inequity in our Community?

- COVID-19
- Structural Racism
- Economic Injustice
- Redlining
- Lack of Govt Support
- Trauma & Violence
The policy goal for our city is **food sovereignty**, rather than food security

**Food security**: Reducing outcomes of malnutrition and hunger through temporary, often paternalistic solutions

**Food sovereignty**: Ensuring communities have the right to nourish themselves through the equitable and ecologically sound production, distribution, and consumption of food.
Food Equity = Racial & Economic Justice
Food Sovereignty movement envisions a food system that is inclusive, community-led and participatory, without the exploitation of people, land, or the environment.

It identifies and acts to remove the significant structural inequities that exist within our food and economic systems.

This means establish healthy, resilient communities with equitable access to nourishing and culturally appropriate food, land and control over their means of production.
HEALTHY

Is delicious, safe, and aesthetically pleasing. Meets or exceeds national nutritional guidelines.

AFFORDABLE

People of all income levels are able to purchase.

JUST

All participants in the supply chain receive fair wage and fair treatment, free from exploitation.

High quality food is equitably, physically, and culturally accessible to all.

Land Justice with respect to BIPOC communities is a key strategy.

SUSTAINABLE

Produced, processed, distributed and recycled locally using the principles of environmental stewardship.

Includes best practices in water, soil, and pesticide management.

What does an equitable food system look like?
Responsibility for food systems extends across the City - we need to track this.

CCSF food systems
● Food programs
● Food purchasing
● Food contracts
● Food employment

Citywide food systems
● Food production and processing
● Urban agriculture
● Food businesses, retail, markets, and distributors
● Food and hospitality workforce and labor
How do we create an equitable food system in SF?
Holistic approach.
Community-led & controlled
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Rethink access and prioritize agency & ownership
New & existing food & ag infrastructure
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Strengthen Food Industry with Fair Labor & Workforce Equity

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Culturally & religiously appropriate
Local, healthy, sustainably produced with no waste.
Centers Racial Justice
Everyone eats!