

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 11-06

ADOPTING THE DPH HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICY

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) has a special responsibility as a health promotion organization whose mission is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH recognizes that healthy people and healthy environments result from a healthy food system in which everyone has access to affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate food; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH recognizes the importance of attending to the source and production practices of food in order to maximize safety and nutritional benefits for the consumer, health and safety for the farm worker or food producer, preservation of natural resources, and long-term sustainability of the community's food supply; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH recognizes the direct link between sustainable foods and health; especially, organic produce and nutritional quality; antibiotic use in livestock and antibiotic resistance in health care; and general health concerns concerning pesticide exposure; and

WHEREAS, a healthy food system involves people producing, distributing, consuming and recycling waste in a way that respects the principles of social justice, democracy and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, public and private workplaces are adopting policies to encourage staff and client access to fresh, nutritious foods as outline in nutrition guidelines and as part of a comprehensive approach to health promotion and prevention; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, foods that are fresh, nutritious, sustainably and locally produced are also affordable; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission endorsed the Childhood Nutrition and Physical Activity Task Force Recommendations and supported the Strategic Alliance Taking Action Principles, both of which include policies for healthy food and worksite policies; and

WHEREAS, promoting health and wellness at the worksite is a priority of The Mayor's Challenge: Shape Up San Francisco (Executive Order 05-111); and

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WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco has adopted the Sustainability Plan for the City of San Francisco (Resolution No. 692-97, passed July 1997), a resolution on genetically-engineered food (Resolution No. 1070-00, passed December 2000), the Precautionary Principle (Resolution No. 129-03, passed March 2003); the Organic Certified Goods Resolution (No. 532-05, file # 051267, passed 7/12/05); the Sweatfree Contracting Ordinance (file # 051257, passed 9/13/05); the Fair Trade Certified Goods Resolution (No. 533-05, file # 051268, passed 7/12/05); and the Urban Environmental Accords (signed by Mayor in June 2005); all of which provide product procurement goals and guidelines that will contribute to healthy, sustainable food systems; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH inspires choices in food consumption that encourage personal, community and environmental health and well-being; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission adopts the DPH Healthy and Sustainable Food Policy, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission directs the Department to implement the policy with attention to the medical and cultural needs of our diverse populations as well as the costs and access factors that influence accessibility to healthier food.

I hereby certify that the Health Commission at its meeting of July 18, 2006, adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton
Secretary to the Health Commission