



DENVER
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DENVER SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL



RESOLUTION NO. 20-2019 Adopting an Updated Policy Platform for the SFPC

WHEREAS, the Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council (SFPC) is one of Denver’s Mayor-appointed Boards and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, one key purpose of the SFPC is to “Provide Recommendations to the City on Regulations and Policies” by identifying and recommending regulatory and policy changes that would advance the Denver Food Vision and Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the SFPC is tasked with providing the Mayor and city staff detailed policy analysis and recommendations that are both responsive to the Mayor/city and stakeholders by identifying interested parties, identifying pro and con arguments, identifying key stakeholders, and assessing the impact of the policy and legislation; and

WHEREAS, the SFPC held a retreat on August 21, 2019, and met again in September 16, 2019 and set updated recommendations for an updated Policy Platform; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Platform recommends key policy areas around Healthy Food Access and Affordability and the item “Healthy Food in Public Facilities (“Healthy” priority 3, “Inclusive” priority 1)” should be amended to include at the end of the sentence”, and ensure policies include language to have affordable, local options.”; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Platform recommends key policy areas around Healthy Food Access and Affordability item “SNAP Utilization (“Healthy” priority 2)” should be amended to include at the end of the sentence “, especially for immigrant/refugee populations in Denver.”; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Platform recommends key policy areas around Healthy Food Access and Affordability shall be amended to include new item ““Healthy Food in Schools (“Healthy” priority 3)” Increase access to healthy foods in schools including early childhood education centers, K-12, and universities and colleges.”; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Platform recommends key policy areas around Food Business, “Food Business Permitting (“Vibrant” priority 2)” should be amended to include at the end of the sentence “, especially for microbusinesses over larger, corporate businesses. Promote policies that support education/training for food entrepreneurs around policies and permitting processes that affect them.”; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Platform recommends key policy areas around Food Production, and members recommend adding to item title “Land Use (“Resilient” priority 1, “Inclusive” priority 2) to read “Land Access and Use in Public Areas”.; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Platform recommends key policy areas around Food Production, and members recommend adding to item title “Enable Food Production (“Resilient” priority 1, “Inclusive” priority 2)” to read “Enabling Food Production Policies” and an additional sentence at the end of the item “Encourage the addition of supportive language in the Green Buildings Ordinance (passed in 2018) to support food production on green roofs.”; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Platform recommends key policy areas around Food Production, and members recommend adding to item at the end of the existing language “Supporting Undocumented Farmers and Farm Workers (“Vibrant” priority 1) “Advocate for programs that expand education and training for undocumented food system workers around rights and resources.”; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Platform recommends key policy areas around Food Production, and members recommend adding to “Composting Food Waste (“Resilient” priority 2)” “and urban farm” after the word business; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the SFPC Adopts the updated Policy Platform to include the new item on Healthy Food in Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the SFPC Adopts the updated Policy Platform to make the above amendments. Minor modifications will be made to standardize formatting, citations, and branding.

Official Record of SFPC Decision:

Vote: yes; no; abstain
