



Good Food Purchasing Policy: Passed!

On January 26, 2021, in partnership with [SPUR](#) and [The Center for Good Food Purchasing](#), we presented the GFPP to the County Board of Supervisors, and we're excited to announce that it passed! From here, with the leadership of The Center for Good Food Purchasing, we'll begin the baseline assessment process which we expect to take 6 months.

Alameda County isn't the first in the region to pass a GFPP. The Good Food Purchasing Policy was originally developed by the Los Angeles Food Policy Council and adopted by the City and the Los Angeles Unified School District in 2012. Since then institutions across California and the country, such as schools, hospitals and prisons, have adopted the Good Food Purchasing Policy (GFPP) to transform how they purchase food.

- The Oakland Unified School District passed a resolution in 2016 adopting the Good Food Purchasing Policy.
- The San Francisco Unified School District unanimously passed a resolution in 2016 adopting the Good Food Purchasing Policy.
- The City of Chicago passed a resolution in 2017 adopting Good Food Purchasing as city policy

- The City and County of San Francisco unanimously passed a resolution in 2018 urging the Sheriff's Department and Department of Public Health to conduct a baseline assessment of their existing purchasing in conjunction with the Center for Good Food Purchasing. In August 2020, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed an ordinance specifying how both agencies will improve their food purchasing over the next five years to meet the Good Food Purchasing standards.

In addition to adopting the Good Food Purchasing Policy we hope to go above and beyond by focusing on three key concepts uplifted by the Good Food Communities Initiative which place community values at the forefront:

- Transparency & Community Accountability
 - Annual reporting of assessment reports to the Board of Supervisors on the findings.
 - Annual assessments are easily available and open for all community members to review
 - Community members and groups input and feedback on departments goals, benchmarks and vision for food purchasing improvement is actively welcomed
- Racial and Gender Justice
 - Prioritize contracts with minority and/or women-owned businesses
 - In response to the historic and continued impacts of slavery, genocide, segregation, and discrimination against African Americans and Indigenous people, we must prioritize paying living wages and purchasing from Indigenous and African American farmers and producers as one small form of reparations
 - Encourage prospective food vendors to invest in and hire from Priority Communities
 - Encourage conveyance of publicly-owned vacant properties (land and buildings) to local minority owned and/or controlled social enterprises and/or community land trusts for urban agriculture and other food related enterprises in an equitable fashion by setting ownership goals for minority owned and controlled enterprises
 - Encourage hiring individuals with high barriers to employment, including the formerly incarcerated, CALWORKs recipients, former foster youth, those experiencing homelessness, victims of domestic violence and others struggling to find employment
- Worker Justice
 - Prioritize purchasing from producers who go beyond baseline certification of "valued workforce" to level 2 and 3 purchases.

Join us in celebrating this exciting development and stay tuned for updates as we move forward in the process!