Is Your Community Food Friendly?

A Checklist to Gauge Local Support for Food in Your Community

Does Your Community...

Prioritize food access and health

...have a section on food access and health in your comprehensive plan or other community plan (e.g., economic development, food system, or sustainability plans)? YES ☐ NO ☐

...have zoning policies that support food access and health (e.g., special use districts for food facilities, infrastructure, and promotion)? YES ☐ NO ☐

...have ordinances that allow residents to raise poultry, bees, and/or livestock for their own consumption. YES ☐ NO ☐

...support a "Food in All Policies" strategy (a collaborative approach that incorporates food considerations into decision-making across government sectors)? YES ☐ NO ☐

...have a food system resolution or charter to express commitment to urban agriculture and/or community food systems? YES ☐ NO ☐

...have a food policy council or other multi-stakeholder group to identify and propose ways to support local food production and access to healthy foods? YES ☐ NO ☐

Improve food access

...host or encourage the development of farmers markets, CSAs, and other direct-to-consumer channels to bring healthy food to underserved neighborhoods? YES ☐ NO ☐

...offer EBT, WIC, and Senior Farmers' Market coupon programs at farmers markets or other direct sales outlets to improve food access for community members of all economic backgrounds? YES ☐ NO ☐

...support programs that increase the value of SNAP benefits and farmers market coupons (e.g., Double Up Bucks)? YES ☐ NO ☐

...allow for mobile markets and mobile food vending allowances to bring fresh produce and other healthy foods to underserved neighborhoods? YES ☐ NO ☐

Encourage health and wellness

...use zoning to increase the availability of healthy food options and/or restrict unhealthy options (e.g., incentives to grocery developers, limits on fast food establishments)? YES ☐ NO ☐

...support healthy food financing initiatives to attract supermarkets and grocery stores to underserved communities? YES ☐ NO ☐

...have healthy food retail incentives or regulations to ensure local food retailers stock ingredients necessary for a healthy diet? YES ☐ NO ☐

...promote nutrition guidelines, support nutrition education and school wellness policies to promote wellness and encourage healthy eating? YES ☐ NO ☐

...promote healthy eating through a marketing campaign (i.e., "Eat Well" campaign)? YES ☐ NO ☐

Support emergency food programs

...provide emergency food funding to support community food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens? YES ☐ NO ☐

...encourage and/or coordinate emergency food procurement and distribution to make excess food and nonmarketable fresh goods available to low-income residents? YES ☐ NO ☐

...support gleaning programs to collect produce from farms, farmers markets, community gardens, and other sources to provide nutritious food to people in need? YES ☐ NO ☐