



City-Wide Local Food Procurement Plan

Community and Economic Development
Department

Utility Services/Land Use/Energy
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BACKGROUND

- Local food procurement is the City of Riverside's effort to support local agriculture, provide healthier options at meetings and events, and be a positive role model to the citizens of the City.



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BACKGROUND

- On May 19, 2015, City Council adopted the Food Policy Action Plan. (FPAP)
 1. Encourage local healthy food procurement.
 2. Encourage public venues to meet nutrition standards for food provided. Network with vendors to source healthier and local food and agricultural products.

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BACKGROUND

- On November 10, 2015, City Council
 1. adopted a Citywide Healthier Food Vending Policy
 2. requested staff develop a related policy to address local food procurement

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- Phases of the Local Food Procurement Plan:
 - Phase 1 - Evaluation
 - Phase 2 - Implementation
 - Phase 3 - Citywide Influence



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Phase 1 - Evaluation: Baseline Determination and Interest Group outreach.

- a. Meet with City departments that purchase local food,
- b. Meet with community stakeholders and residents to identify current baseline common goals, interests, and evaluation models



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Phase 2 - Implementation:
Commitment to achieving 20% of food purchased locally within 5 years.

- a. Establish steps and milestones needed to implement the 20% commitment.
- b. City departments, catering services, and food vendors will begin purchase of locally sourced food products.



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Phase 3 - Citywide Influence: Through City and UCR influence, RFSA encourages implementation of local food purchasing policy for large agencies and throughout the City limits.

- a. RFSA and other local food Interest groups to assume leadership of a citywide effort to see 20% of food procurement from local sources.



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Economic Impacts

- Potential economic impacts from local food systems include:
 1. Farmers income increase direct sales and indirect income;
 2. The local economy increases, money invested in local food economy is re-spent locally; and
 3. Local employment opportunities increase with demand for local food.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee recommend that the City Council adopt the draft Local Food Procurement Plan.

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