

Sustainable Food Policy Board Comments

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5358	65	2) Specify food access under complete community elements - Our suggestions: Livable- Add food to the following (feel free to replace *good* with *healthy*): - Access to good food and community amenities. Values People- Add your preferred version of the following as additional bullet point: - Access to nutritious, culturally appropriate, and sustainably grown food.		1st suggestion: Covered in "Austin is Livable" 2nd suggestion: Covered in Austin is Livable, Austin is Natural and Sustainable, and Austin Values and Respects its People
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5359	124	1) Change building block name - The most visible change that could happen immediately to emphasize the critical role that food systems play. Change current SOCIETY building block to: HEALTH, FOOD SYSTEMS and QUALITY OF LIFE.		Not recommended.

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5360	171	3) Accept rewording of Society 8 in priority actions and policies and to include in the Healthy Austin Program as divided into the following three bullets: 8A- - Make healthy and local foods accessible, particularly in underserved, areas by removing barriers and providing incentives for the establishment of neighborhood grocery stores, farmers markets, farm stands, mobile veggie carts/trailers, sustainable community gardens and urban farms. 8B - Facilitate a strong and sustainable local food system by linking farmers, distributors, and markets and creating programs and partnerships to ensure profitable local food enterprises throughout all five food sectors (production, processing, distribution, consumption, and waste recovery). 8C - Partner with public and private stakeholders to promote awareness and educate residents about healthy food choices, sources, and preparation, including keeping up-to-date and accessible data on community garden plot availability, food preparation education, and city and country property for food production (neighborhood gardens and family farms)		Expanded and revised Society 8 into four different actions Society 8 Make healthy and local foods accessible, particularly in underserved, areas by removing barriers and providing incentives for the establishment of sustainable community gardens, urban farms, neighborhood grocery stores, farmers markets, and farm stands and mobile vegetable sales carts. Society 9 Facilitate a strong and sustainable local food system by linking farmers, distributors, and markets and create programs and partnerships to ensure profitable local food enterprises throughout all five food sectors—production, processing, distribution, consumption, and waste recovery. Society 10 Develop partnerships with public and private stakeholders to promote awareness and educate residents about healthy food choices, sources, and preparation, including keeping up-to-date and accessible data on community garden plot availability, cooking classes, and city and country property for neighborhood gardens and family farms, and the sale of sustainably produced and culturally appropriate food at farmers markets, farm stands Society 11 Reduce obesity by establishing local fresh food colleges, universities, hospitals, nursing homes

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5361	171	4) If possible add the following additional bullets to that section and program that are in the same spirit: - Change the environment to promote a culture in which good food is a right, and eating healthy food is an easy choice. - Reduce obesity through establishing local fresh food initiatives in institutions (e.g. schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, nursing homes, city and county departments and venues) and through implementing and encouraging purchasing policies that source local and sustainable foods.		Addressed above in Society 8, 9, 10, 11.
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5558		SOC-8 Make healthy and local foods accessible and facilitate a strong and sustainable local food system by: - removing zoning and other barriers to the development of small grocery stores and other alternative retail outlets (including farmers markets, mobile veggie carts, etc.) in residential areas - providing incentives for local community gardens and small urban farms		Addressed in new SOC 8, 9
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5559		Society-45 Develop educational and public information programs focused on promoting nutrition, healthy food, and local food sources.		Addressed in new SOC 10
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5560		NEW Society/Food System or Economy Remove zoning and policy barriers and create incentives to improve and rebuild local food production, processing, and distribution systems appropriate to location and scale.		Addressed in new SOC Action 12

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5561		NEW Change the environment to promote a culture in which good food is a right, and where eating healthy food is an easy choice for all Austinites.		Austin is Liveable-6th bullet Policies HHS 6, 7 SOC Actions 1, 10, 11, 49, 50, 54
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5562		NEW Reduce obesity through local fresh food initiatives in institutions (e.g. schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, nursing homes, city and county departments/venues) and through encouraging food service purchasing policies that prioritize locally-sourced, nutritious, and sustainable foods.		SOC Actions 11, 54
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5563	147	Land Use-6 Locate industrial development; logistics, warehousing, and distribution; research and development; local food production, distribution, and storage and other comparable businesses in areas with the necessary utilities and transportation links and locate them in parts of Austin and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) that reduce conflicts with new and established neighborhoods and in areas to diminish threats to environmentally sensitive areas.	Note, this refers to Land Use 10.	New SOC Action 12. LUT 10 focuses on more intense industrial uses which are more intense than envisioned in the comment and is more restrictive than new SOC Action 12
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5564	161	Land Use-13 Expand the City of Austin's acquisition of environmentally significant land, easements, and/or development rights to address flood rehabilitation, aquifer recharge, water quality, open space, trails *and sustainable food production.*		Incorporate "agricultural land" into list of areas to be preserved in CE Action-17.

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5565		Land Use-17 Create a plan and implementation framework to expand the green infrastructure network by increasing plantings of trees and vegetation, acquiring additional open space, parkland, and preserve areas; increasing permeable surfaces in public areas; establishing green corridors that serve as habitat, open space, community gardens and family farms and as a trail system linking local and regional destinations.		Revised in Green Infra Priority Program See also Actions CFS 1, 37, LUT 36 and CE 17
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5566		Land Use-19 Implement a program to transfer development rights from environmentally sensitive and peri- and intra-urban agricultural areas to targeted growth areas identified on the Growth Concept Map.		See CE Action-13.
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5567		Land Use-20 Develop a regulatory framework to incentivize the use of Low Impact Development (LID) design features such as rainwater harvesting, increased permeable surfaces, rain gardens, green roofs, green streets, gardens and farms with stormwater mitigation features, and natural-looking water quality features such as bioswales to manage stormwater.		See LUT-37 and CFS-38. Not recommended -- stormwater mitigation is already included.
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5568		Land Use-26 - same as LUT-17 above Expand the current green infrastructure network by increasing tree and other vegetative plantings; acquiring additional open space, parkland, and preserve areas; increasing permeable surfaces in public areas; establishing green corridors that serve as open space and as a trail system linking local and regional destinations.		See CE Action-14. Actions CFS 1, LUT 36 and CE 17 and Green Infrastructure Priority Program.

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5569		Land Use-27 Incentivize appropriately-scaled and located green infrastructure and public spaces, such as parks, plazas, greenbelts, trails, sustainable agriculture, and/or open space, in all new development and redevelopment projects.		Land Use Action-36: include "urban agriculture."
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5570		Land Use NEW Preserve and protect agricultural lands and maintain the agricultural heritage of the region utilizing tools such as farmland trusts, farmland mitigation, conservation easements and planning and zoning strategies.		Incorporated list of tools into CE Action-13.
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5571		Economy-72 Incorporate the principles of Urban Ecosystem Management, including urban and periurban agriculture (a flexible and multidisciplinary approach requiring a combination of social, environmental, economic and decision-making tools and practices that are quickly adaptable to changes in the urban environment--natural or man-made), into the programs and policies of all applicable City of Austin departments.		Green Infra Priority Program.

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5572		Economy-93 Establish an ongoing dialogue with the Austin business community to develop regulations and programs fostering the development and success of local businesses by: creating an inventory of locally-owned businesses, developing a mentor program for locally-owned businesses, promoting the formation of worker-owned and community-owned businesses (co-ops) that sell local products, creating an Austin Craftsmen's Guild to showcase products created by Austin residents, providing tax incentives for locally-owned businesses, creating a directory of locally-produced products, expanding the Go Local card concept, simplifying the process to have local businesses provide additional services (eg host bands for SXSW).		This is Economy Action 18-no change identified.
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5573		NEW Economy/ Environment In partnership with Chamber of Commerce, create a Buy Local Food Campaign to educate consumers and businesses about the economic, environmental, and social benefits of local food enterprise.		New Soc Action 9, 10, 49
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5574		NEW Economy Encourage new local businesses that create food production and distribution-related jobs.		New Soc 8, 9, 10, 12

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5575		NEW Economy/ Environment Assess the local food economy and plan and advocate for strategies that strengthen the food system with special emphasis on development and support of networks, creation of jobs, guidance of decisions with a broad set of sustainability actions, that equitably promote the distribution of food system benefits.		New Soc 9, Econ16, 18
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5576		NEW Economy Develop infrastructure that will strengthen the local food economy by linking production, processing, distribution, marketing, and sales of food.		New Soc 9
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5577	171	Economy-96 Develop a program to find interim uses for vacant land such as community gardens or other food-related uses.		TF: SOC Action-8: Include vacant land (in addition to city and school property) in list of areas for community gardens. See revisions per ID 5360
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5578		City Facilities and Services-114 Use bond elections to continue funding the acquisition and protection of environmentally sensitive areas and farmland, including: floodplains, riparian areas, wetlands, prairies, land that supports recharge of the Edwards Aquifer, wildlife habitat and corridors, bottomland forests and priority woodlands, critical environmental features and farmland.		Include agriculture in land to be protected.
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5579		City Facilities and Services-129 Support pollution and greenhouse gas reduction targets of the Austin Climate Protection Plan and develop indicators to the progress.		Indicators

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5580		City Facilities and Services-155 Develop recognition and incentive programs to encourage industry/commercial best practices in waste reduction, food diversion, manufacturing techniques, recycling and extended producer responsibility.		CFS-32, 25 and Resource Recovery Master Plan
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5581		City Facilities and Services-158 Incentivize and promote low-impact development designs and techniques on private land that preserve key environmental features, reduce runoff and the use of potable water for plantings and increase stormwater infiltration. Examples include rainwater harvesting, porous pavement, rain gardens, green roofs, and sustainable agriculture techniques.		Covered by LUT Action 37, CFS 25
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5582		City Facilities and Services-159 Create a green infrastructure plan for public land or in public rights-of-way to preserve Austin's ecosystem, improve the water cycle, reduce the urban heat island effect, improve air quality, enrich public space, and provide for traffic calming. Examples include open space, community gardens, family farms, wetlands, green streets, infiltration facilities, and the urban forest.		See ID# 5565
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5583		Conservation and Environmental Resources-319 Continue to preserve, protect and restore environmentally sensitive areas using a variety of tools including transferable development rights as well as policies and regulations that incentivize greyfield/redevelopment/infill/food production.		CE 13, 17

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5584		Conservation and Environmental Resources-321 Create policies and incentives for restoration of damaged natural resource areas. [REDUNDANT-same as above]		TF: Remove redundant action
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5585		Conservation and Environmental Resources-324 Develop an educational program with a public recognition or awards program, to showcase best practices in sustainable and low-impact development as well as achievements or innovations in waste reduction, recycling, and sustainable food practices.		CE 9 modified
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5586		Conservation and Environmental Resources-331 Require green buffers between incompatible land uses and program these for uses that benefit the community such as sustainable food production.		Action was removed by working groups
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5587		Conservation and Environmental Resources-334 Allow for and incentivize responsible greywater reuse in building and site design, landscape maintenance, and agricultural irrigation.		Covered by CFS-39
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5588		Conservation and Environmental Resources-335 Create a strategy, and accompanying budget, to identify and prioritize lands, particularly farmland, for public acquisition, conservation easements, and purchase of development rights.		See revised Green infrastructure program
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5589		Conservation and Environmental Resources-336 Identify prime farmlands and create incentives for protection such as transferable development rights.		CE-17, 13
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5590		Conservation and Environmental Resources-337 Support local farmers in continued operations by creating incentives, removing barriers, offering tailored small business support and encouraging local food in public education campaigns.		Society 8, 9

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Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5591		Conservation and Environmental Resources-338 Facilitate and encourage distribution mechanisms for local farm products.		Society 8, 9
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5592		Conservation and Environmental Resources-339 Identify and map food deserts and provide incentives for grocery stores of different scales, farmers markets, food carts and other mobile vendors to locate in underserved communities.		Society 8
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5593		Conservation and Environmental Resources-342 Continue to develop and strengthen partnerships with universities and local schools to integrate educational programs with conservation, agriculture and sustainability policies and projects.		Removed by working groups and no change identified.
Public	Sustainable Food Policy Board	5594		NEW Conservation and Environmental Resources Recognize and publicize the significant contribution that the food system makes to carbon emissions and encourage consumption of climate-friendly foods and the enactment of policies and programs that support a strong and sustainable local food system.		Society 8-12 Data for carbon emission? Chap 2