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Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors Sheehy, Ronen, and Peskin:

On behalf of SPUR, I am writing to express enthusiastic support for the Good Food Purchasing resolution (File #180391). This resolution calls on the Department of Public Health and Sheriff's Department to use the Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP) as a framework for City agency food procurement. As an institution which spends significant public dollars on food through its hospitals and jails, the City has a responsibility to set a high standard for the community and to ensure that public funds are spent in a manner consistent with its social and environmental values. This resolution, which calls on the hospitals and jails to conduct a baseline assessment of current food procurement and then set targets and timelines for increased achievement and assessments of annual progress using the GFPP's tiered five-star levels of commitment, will help the city reach this higher bar.

In our reports, *Locally Nourished* and *Healthy Food Within Reach*, we highlighted how public agencies can support a regional food economy, environmentally-friendly agricultural practices, and healthier diets through the terms of their procurement contracts. The Good Food Purchasing Program is a commitment by major public institutions to use their purchasing power to do just that. GFPP has found widespread support by municipal governments and school districts across the country, including San Francisco Unified, Oakland Unified, Los Angeles Unified, and Chicago Public Schools, as well as the cities of Los Angeles and Chicago.

By joining San Francisco Unified School District in using the GFPP framework, the City has an opportunity to deepen its commitment to a more just and equitable food system. The City has demonstrated its commitment to healthy and nutritious food through numerous actions taken in response to the Mayor's Executive Directive on Healthy and Sustainable Food in 2009. Additionally, the Board's passage this fall of regulations regarding antibiotics used in food animals is the kind of policy that complements the GFPP well. The Mayor's Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking has also endorsed the Good Food Purchasing Program as a way to address human trafficking in the food supply chain.

If the City adopts the Good Food Purchasing Program, it will be the first county in the nation to leverage its purchasing power to build a regional food economy – one in which small and mid-sized farmers have sufficient demand for their products and communities with the greatest need can access healthy, high-quality food that is sustainably, fairly, and humanely produced.

SPUR respectfully requests your support for the Good Food Purchasing resolution so that San Francisco can begin the steps toward improving its food procurement using this comprehensive framework.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Z.', is centered below the word 'Sincerely,'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eli Zigas  
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