



The **GOOD FOOD FOR ALL** **AGENDA**

Within a 200 mile radius of Los Angeles is a remarkable abundance of good food. California leads the country in agricultural exports, particularly of fruits, vegetables and nuts. Among the top producing counties in the state are Kern, Ventura, San Diego, Imperial and Riverside. Yet, very little of the food that is consumed here actually comes from within the 200 mile radius.

So many in Los Angeles suffer from insecurity about whether they will have enough to eat. It is estimated that over one million people in Los Angeles face the enormous burden of being able to afford any food at all – much less, good food. Many more low-income communities and communities of color lack access to a diversity of high quality, affordable foods in their neighborhoods.

The Good Food for All Agenda is a report written by a task force, initially convened by Mayor Villaraigosa. The report outlines ways to make “good food”— food that is healthy, affordable, fair and sustainable — available for all. The Good Food for All Agenda proposes over 50 recommendations to build a more sustainable and equitable regional food system.

Recommendations focus on improving healthy food options for all Angelenos and overcoming health disparities related to limited healthy food availability, while creating new markets for regional farmers and opportunities for small food enterprises. The strategies seek to simultaneously reduce hunger, improve public health, increase equity in our communities, create quality jobs, stimulate local economic activity within the region, and foster environmental stewardship. Top recommendations include:

1. PROMOTE A GOOD FOOD ECONOMY

- Work with partners to build a Regional Food Hub
- Conduct a foodshed assessment
- Develop a certification program to reward Good Food producers
- Link public investment to the creation of good jobs

2. BUILD A MARKET FOR GOOD FOOD

- Develop local and sustainable food procurement policies in the City and County and encourage school districts and other food service providers to participate

3. ELIMINATE HUNGER IN LOS ANGELES

- Increase enrollment in the Food Stamp Program
- Expand farmers’ market access to everyone

4. ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO GOOD FOOD IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

- Support the California Healthy Food Financing Initiative and develop healthy food retail proposals
- Incorporate public health strategies into land use documents

5. GROW GOOD FOOD IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

- Streamline permits and public land leases for community gardens
- Expand joint-use agreements with community/school gardens

6. INSPIRE AND MOBILIZE GOOD FOOD CHAMPIONS

- Create an online inventory of LA County food system change efforts underway

7. ESTABLISH A LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

The full report can be downloaded at goodfoodla.org

