

# ATTACHMENT B.3

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 12:36 PM  
**To:** Carol Lumb; Jack Pace  
**Cc:** Evie Boykan; Brandon Miles; Joyce Trantina; Tammy Morales  
**Subject:** Food innovation district comp plan recommendations  
**Attachments:** FIDCompPlanRecsTukwila.pdf

Hello everyone- on behalf of the SeaTac-Tukwila Food Innovation Network, I would like to share the steering committee's recommendations for the city's comprehensive plan update. Attached is a memo providing a brief background of the initiative and potential policies that could support the work.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Thanks, Kara

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## MEMO

**To:** Jack Pace and Carol Lumb, City of Tukwila  
Department of Community Development

**From:** SeaTac-Tukwila Food Innovation Network

**Date:** June 5, 2014

**Re:** Comprehensive plan recommendations

The SeaTac-Tukwila Food Innovation Network ("Network") is a collaborative effort to increase food sector entrepreneurship and workforce development in the SeaTac and Tukwila communities. Network members include community organizations, businesses, education institutions and local governments. The Network's key strategy is to develop a Food Innovation District in the SeaTac-Tukwila area. This memo provides background on the effort and recommendations for the cities' comprehensive plans that can help move the effort forward.

### Background:

SeaTac and Tukwila have twice as many people (39%) living below the federal poverty line and higher mortality rates than the rest of King County, with over 90% of students on free and/or reduced lunch. This community lacks access to healthy food; obesity affects a quarter of the residents. The population experiences 1.5 times the number of diabetes-related deaths as compared to the County average, and 1.2 times the rate of heart disease. In 2010, to better understand the needs and assets of the local community, Global to Local conducted an in-depth assessment in the cities and identified limited economic opportunities as a core issue.

The food industry offers a ready entry point for enterprise development and job training, as well as access to healthy foods. Community demand and interest in food sector development has been demonstrated through local community projects such as Healthy Food Here, a healthy retail project working with local business owners, Project Feast's training program, and Global to Local's ongoing community engagement.

The Network has identified the creation of a food innovation district as a key strategy. A food innovation district is geographic concentration of food-oriented businesses, services, and community activities. Potential facilities and programming include training opportunities for the community, as well as an accessible entry point for entrepreneurs with limited access to capital. Allowing a range of uses such as farmers' markets, smaller-scale food processors and wholesalers, commissary kitchens, retailers, restaurants and other related businesses to co-locate promotes food business growth by

## SeaTac-Tukwila Food Innovation Network

### *Steering committee members include:*

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more effectively attracting buyers and spurring mutually supportive business networks. Zoning and land uses policies related to the district would need to consider how food processing, wholesaling and distribution facilities and commercial uses should be designed and co-located.

## **Recommendations:**

The comprehensive plans goals and policies below could provide the necessary framework to ensure the establishment of a vibrant district in the community:

**Goal 1:** To create an environment that spurs local food sector development and opportunities for economic self-sufficiency.

**Policy 1:** Establish development regulations that allow for a mixed-use district that allows food-related activities such as retail, processing, distribution, and urban agriculture production.

**Policy 2:** Support the development of a facility for food-related workforce development and entrepreneurship training.

**Policy 3:** Coordinate with SeaTac-Tukwila Food Innovation Network to promote district development and related programming and facilities.

**Policy 4:** Forge public-private sector partnership in development of a food-related workforce development and business incubator training facility.

The Network's steering committee believes the recommendations above will support this public-private sector initiative to address health and income disparities and facilitate growth in the local food sector. These changes can help create jobs and support small business development opportunities in the SeaTac and Tukwila communities. In addition to the recommendations above, the Network supports the adoption of the broader food access policies proposed for the Community Image and Identity and Parks, Recreation and Open Space chapters.

On behalf of the Network's steering committee, thank you for consideration of the recommended goals and policies outlined above. Please contact our project coordinators Kara Martin ([kara@urbanfoodlink.com](mailto:kara@urbanfoodlink.com); 206-850-2877) and Tammy Morales ([tammy@urbanfoodlink.com](mailto:tammy@urbanfoodlink.com); 206-396-1276) of Urban Food Link if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Thank you,



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**From:** Kara Martin <kara@urbanfoodlink.com>  
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**To:** Carol Lumb  
**Subject:** RE: [SKFood] FW: Food Access Policies

Hi Carol- the food access policies look great! I really had the food innovation district in the back my mind in reading this. Couple thoughts in regards to that- in the issues discussion, perhaps mentioning the launch of the FIN that would support and expand efforts such as Project Feast. Global to Local also has been doing outreach showing community interest in developing skills / opening businesses in the food sector. Also, perhaps, referencing the economic development element as another element with healthy living policies (this assumes some of the recommendations we sent move forward and where they would be placed).

In regards to the policies, only a couple things caught my eye:

- Policy 1Y1- inserting “healthy” before food purveyors... to not encourage fast food restaurants, convenience stores, etc.
- Implementation strategies for 1Y- the city could encourage or promote farmers markets, farmstands, etc. to accept WIC/ SNAP (food stamp) benefits and “Double Your Bucks” programs- I think this helps address the affordability issue. Another potential 1Y strategy that I’ve seen others put in their plans is addressing regulatory barriers (for urban ag, farmers markets, etc.) and revising development code. Probably depends on how explicit you need to be. (And now just saw this is done for urban ag in the Parks element 😊)/

Let me know if you have any questions on the above. Great work! Very exciting! Kara

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Hi South King Food folks,  
I'm passing on the Tukwila comp plan info from Carol, as promised at our last meeting. Thanks, Carol!

Skye

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**From:** Carol Lumb [<mailto:Carol.Lumb@TukwilaWA.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 6:01 PM  
**To:** Skye Schell  
**Subject:** Food Access Policies

Hi Skye,

As promised a couple weeks ago, I am sending along a draft of our Comprehensive Plan chapter that addresses food access – the policies are found on the next to last page of the chapter. I would appreciate it if you could send this to the South King County Food group. The City’s Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on these policies June 26<sup>th</sup> – comments may be sent directly to the Planning Commission by COB 6/26 or, preferably, to me by June 15<sup>th</sup> so we can address the comments prior to the hearing and provide that information to the Planning Commission as part of their hearing packets.

I will find the Parks, Recreation and Open Space chapter and send that along as well.

Thanks,

Carol

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**Subject:** RE: Food Access Policies  
**Attachments:** Forterra G2L Tukwila food policy comments.pdf

Hi Carol,  
Thanks for sending the documents out, and for the opportunity to comment. I checked in with Alma at Global to Local, since we had worked together on getting input about these topics in the Community Connectors survey and the Community Conversation with the City. Overall it looks great.

We have a few suggestions to make them even more effective and inclusive – please see our attached comments. Feel free to contact either me or Alma with any questions.

What time will the hearing be on the 26<sup>th</sup>?

Thanks,  
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June 16, 2014

Dear Carol,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Tukwila's 2015 Comprehensive Plan updates regarding food access. Tukwila currently suffers from highly unequal health outcomes in comparison to the rest of King County. Increasing access to healthy, affordable and culturally-appropriate food is a central strategy for Global to Local, and supporting food access and economic development through farming is also an important component to Forterra's mission and the Cascade Agenda.

Forterra and Global to Local have enjoyed working with the City on two recent projects to engage Tukwila's diverse communities in the comprehensive plan updates: a Community Connectors survey with Latino, Burmese, Somali and Eritrean (Arabic- and Amharic-speaking) residents, and the March 6<sup>th</sup> "Community Conversation" with over 130 residents in eight languages. Access to healthy food was one of the highest priorities we heard in both projects.

We have reviewed the draft "Community Image and Identity" and "Parks, Recreation and Open Space" elements. We are glad to see that many of the community's suggestions have been included in the updates, such as supporting a farmers' market and additional urban agriculture such as community gardens (PROS Goal 6, Community Image 1.Y.2), and continuing the Community Connectors program (Community Image – Cultural Diversity).

**We offer the following suggestions to make these policies even more effective:**


1. Add "culturally appropriate" to "healthy" when discussing the food goal, throughout the document.
  - a. E.g.: "Goal 1.X A healthy community where active living and access to affordable, **culturally-appropriate** and nutritious food is available to all."
2. Specifically describe examples of culturally-appropriate food in relation to food provided at City or school programs.
  - a. E.g.: "1.X.3 Provide healthy **and culturally-appropriate (e.g. Halal, non-pork, vegetarian)** food and beverages in City programs and facilities ..."
3. Address expired food at the Food Pantry – we heard from the surveys that expired food discourages community members in accessing the Food Pantry. (See 1.Y.3.)
4. Include communication to diverse communities and language groups as a priority.
  - a. E.g.: "1.X.2 Develop and implement a communication plan and Healthy Tukwila web site with information and links about healthy eating, active living and related topics – **including strategies for reaching communities who do not speak English or use computers (e.g. translated written as well as verbal).**"
5. Support urban-agriculture-based economic development through cottage food sales.
  - a. E.g.: "Promote farmers markets, farmstands, community supported agriculture drop off sites, community gardens, school gardens, home gardens, **cottage food businesses** and urban farms" (1.Y Implementation Strategies)

We would be more than happy to share further reflections about the documents or to discuss how best to engage our communities in the update. Again, thanks for your time and outreach.

Sincerely,



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