
CALIFORNIA HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE COUNCIL (CHFFIC)

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 4, 2012

To: Council Members

From: Najia Rosales, Acting Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 4: Healthy Food Access Report: Recommendation from the Department of Food & Agriculture Advisory Group (Information Item)**

SUMMARY

This agenda item provides the California Healthy Food Financing Initiative Council (CHFFIC) an overview of the recommendation from the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) Advisory Group. Jim Houston, Deputy Secretary, California Department of Food & Agriculture, to present item.

BACKGROUND

In 2011, California passed Assembly Bill (AB) 581 to improve access to a variety of affordable, good quality, healthy food in communities that currently lack access. AB 581 is modeled on the federal Healthy Food Financing Initiative. Announced in 2010, the federal Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) directs the federal departments of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, and Treasury to make funds available through existing grant programs to specifically combat the problem of food access.

The CHFFIC Advisory Group within the Secretary of Food and Agriculture is a result of that legislation and the report proposes steps California can take to ensure that healthy food is accessible throughout the state. CDFA convened and consulted the Food Access Advisory Group, comprised of members representing various stakeholder groups.

Food Access Advisory Group

Name	Organization
Keri Askew Bailey	California Grocers Association
Noel Cremers	California Farm Bureau Federation
Paula Daniels	Los Angeles Mayor's Office
Gail Delihant	Western Growers
Ann Evans	Evans and Brennan Consulting
Michael Flood	Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
Cornelius Gallagher	Bank of America
John Handley	California Independent Grocer Association
John Hewitt	Grocery Manufacturers Association
Genoveva Islas-Hooker	Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program
Mary Kaems	Office of Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez
Judi Larsen	The California Endowment
Mary M. Lee	PolicyLink
Justin Malan	California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health
Sarah Mercer	California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
Allen Moy	Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association
Santinia Pasquini	Regional Council of Rural Counties
David Runsten	Community Alliance of Family Farmers
David Shabazian	Sacramento Area Council of Governments
Yelena Zeltser	Urban & Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: *Improving Food Access in California: Report to the California Healthy Food Financing Initiative Council.* (To be provided under a separate cover.)