

2012 Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council Call for Applications

The City of Portland and Multnomah County seek interested community members to serve two-year terms on the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council. Those interested in being considered for a January 2012 appointment should complete the following application and submit it by October 21. Resumes or curricula vitae are optional.

The Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council provides policy advice to local governments on food-related matters that impact land use, health, the environment, jobs, access, and other relevant issues. The Council currently consists of 15 members who are appointed by Portland Mayor Sam Adams and Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen.

Priorities for 2012 are expected to include:

- the availability of healthy, affordable food to all residents;
- food justice;
- urban food production and distribution/land use policies;
- expanding the networking role of the Council;
- the capacity of local communities to engage in healthy food practices; and
- food system strategic planning.

Food Policy Council Positions

The position of Council member will require expertise in one or more local food-related issues such as local agriculture, food security and access, nutrition, food business and industrial practices, community food education, land use, urban food production and distribution. Equally important is the Council members' ability to work together to create policy advice that takes into consideration the impact of current and proposed policies on the entire local food system.

The criteria that the Commissioners use for selecting members include:

- Commitment to a two-year long term requiring regular attendance and participation in monthly meetings (4:00–6:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month); active membership on at least one subcommittee of the Council that will generate a work plan with specific goals; and attendance at a half-day retreat in January 2012;
- Ability to generate policy action items for the Council to pursue;
- Capacity to bring specific food system relationships and resources to the effort, as well as potential to represent diverse sectors of the local food system and/or the community at large; and
- Lives or works predominantly within Multnomah County.

The Portland Multnomah County FPC website can be found at:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=42290>

Applicants will be notified of the City/County decision by November 17 and individuals nominated to the Council will be invited to the December 8 Food Policy Council meeting.

Thank you for your interest. For more information, please contact Steve Cohen, City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, steve.cohen@portlandoregon.gov; Katie Lynd, Multnomah County Sustainability Program, Katie.lynd@co.multnomah.or.us; or Rachael Banks, Multnomah County Health Department, rachael.m.banks@co.multnomah.or.us.

Interest Form for Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council

*The purpose of this form is to obtain information for use in making appointments to the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council, and to assist the City and County in making inquiries concerning the qualifications of applicants for appointment. Please note that information provided in this document is **public information**, with the exception of the confidential section. (Information in the confidential section will only be disclosed as required by law.) If you have a recently prepared biography or resumé, please attach it to this form*

Please return application, resumé and any additional information to:
Office of Neighborhood Involvement, 1221 SW 4th Ave, Room 110, Portland, OR 97204
Applications can also be submitted by email to: patrick.philpott@portlandoregon.gov

To help ensure equal access to programs, services and activities, the City and County will reasonably modify policies/procedures and provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities. Call 503-823-2030 or 503-823-4000 with such requests.

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Occupation: Consultant on food systems

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Biography/Resumé Attached? Yes No

List education, including degree(s) earned:

BA Northwestern University Spanish language and Literature
MA Univ of Calif- Los Angeles, Urban Planning
MA Univ of Calif- Latin American Studies

A. Reasons for wanting to serve on this group:

I have a unique set of skills, experience and knowledge from being a national leader in the food systems field for the past 17 years. I believe I have a lot to offer a lot to help the FPC be as successful as possible in its work.

I would like to help strengthen the food policy council to take a more active role in engaging the City and County on food policy- to ensure that both jurisdictions remain at the forefront in this realm. I've done some work for the City of Seattle that could be replicated in Portland through the Food Policy Council's leadership. I'd also like to reignite community passion and participation in the Council.

I am especially interested in regional approaches to food security and would like to build bridges with Metro on land use planning and transportation matters as they relate to this field.

Finally, I think I would benefit from the hands-on experience in food policy that the FPC would provide me. It would strengthen my advocacy and capacity building skills.

B. List skills, knowledge or affiliations that would be relevant to the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council:

Knowledge: Urban agriculture, local food systems, food policy councils, food access, farmers markets and SNAP, farm to school, federal agriculture and nutrition policy, food system players in Portland and nationally, local food policy in various parts of the country

Skills: working with coalitions, providing leadership, research, writing, fundraising, project management, staff supervision, financial management, policy advocacy, capacity building

Affiliations: None currently

C. List work or volunteer experience that would add to your expertise for this Board/Commission

Dates (from/to)	Employer or Volunteer Activity	Responsibilities
1994-2011	Community Food Security Coalition	Executive Director
2010	Multnomah Food Initiative	Steering Committee
2009-2010	Food and Society Policy Fellow	Conduct policy-related communication
1996-2002	National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture	Board of Directors member
1995-1997	LA Community Food Security Netwk	Co-founder and member
1995-1997	LA Community Garden Council	Co-founder and member
1994-1996	Interfaith Hunger Coalition	Staffed city hearings and wrote report to create Los Angeles food policy council

D. List your experience working on diverse teams or committees:

- Staffed CFSC Board with multiple permanent and ad hoc committees, membership committees, including an annual conference planning committee, strategic planning committee from mid 1990s to 2011
- Kellogg Food and Society Conference Planning committee
- State of California Food Security Network
- Board member, California SAWG, Ocean View Farms, Venice Co-op, Nat'l Sustainable Ag Cltn
- Steering Committee, Multnomah Food Initiative
- Farm and Food Policy Project (Farm Bill advocacy 2006-2008)

E. Briefly describe your experience and/or interest in advancing effective food policy.

For the past 17 years, I have been deeply engaged in creating and advocating for federal food policy that builds community food security. My successes include gaining passage of the Community Food Projects program, the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, a farm to school grants program, the Healthy urban Food Enterprise Development program, and changes to school procurement policy. I have written numerous policy platforms and reports with policy recommendations, most recently on the use of SNAP benefits at non-traditional vendors. I have also been intimately involved with efforts to educate and advocate in USDA over the past 17 years on multiple issues. At the state and local level, I staffed city hearings and wrote a report that led to the creation of the first food policy council in LA in the mid 1990s. I researched and drafted a sustainable food systems policy implementation plan for the City of Seattle in 2009-2011. I have served on the MFI steering committee and consulted for the County on the roll out of this plan. While at CFSC, I played a key role in developing our food policy council program, raised money for it and supervised our program staff. I was the lead organizer on a recent

national food policy conference in Portland in which 600 leaders from across the country came together for education and networking sessions.

My signature affirms that all information contained herein is true to the best of my knowledge, and that I understand that any misstatement of fact or misrepresentation of credentials may result in this application being disqualified from further consideration.

Signature:



Date: 9/25/11

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Employment

Community Food Security Coalition

Co-founder and Executive Director

2/1994-7/2011

Los Angeles, CA

Portland, OR

- Developed concept of community food security and played a key role in forging “Good Food” movement based on uniting disparate elements of food and farming sectors
- Led growth of organization from one part time staff to 11 FTE.
- Developed annual budget and provided financial oversight
- Provided strategic direction for organization and food movement
- Grew budget to \$1.9 million from \$100,000
- Fundraised entire budget through government and foundation grants, individual donations, corporate contributions, and fee for service income
- Managed staff of 13
- Led numerous federal policy campaigns, gaining passage of new federal food security programs.
- Represented organization with donors, government agencies, other NGOs, and media
- Widely quoted in media in articles related to food access and local food systems
- Organized 20 national conferences
- Developed multiple new training and technical assistance programs
- Grew membership to 650 organizations.
- Authored or co-authored numerous policy platforms and seminal reports on food systems
- Developed and implemented management systems
- Staffed the Board of Directors

UCLA Department of Urban Planning

Research Associate

12/1994 -9/1996

9/1992-6/1993

Los Angeles, CA

- Researched and co-authored first-ever study on food access-related transportation, Homeward Bound
- Researched health statistics in underdeveloped countries and parts of the US

Interfaith Hunger Coalition

Food Security Consultant

2/1994 – 4/1996

Los Angeles, CA

- Played a lead role in catalyzing connections between non-profit and city agencies through creation of a LA City food policy council, food security network, and community gardening council .
- Staffed city commission on hunger, including organizing hearings and drafting final report
- Authored evaluation of IHC's AmeriCorps program

American Lung Association of LA County

Researcher

9/1991-9/1992

Los Angeles, CA

- Researched and authored study of Latino perceptions of air pollution in LA County

Self-employed

Business Owner

8/1988-8/1990

Minneapolis, MN

- Started fair-trade jewelry importing business
- Wholesaled products to stores and retailed to fairs and universities
- Returned 10% of gross sales to cooperatives in Nicaragua

Research and Publications

October 2010. Community Food Security Coalition

Andrew Fisher, Susan Roberts. Local Food Policy Action Plan for City of Seattle

July 2010. Community Food Security Coalition.

Andrew Fisher, Stacy Miller, et. al. Real Food, Real Choice: Connecting SNAP Recipients with Farmers Markets

2007. Community Food Security Coalition

Andrew Fisher, Thomas Forster. Healthy Food and Communities Initiative: A Policy Platform for the 2008 Farm Bill

February, 2005. Community Food Security Coalition

Andrew Fisher. Building the Bridge: Linking Food Banking and Community Food Security

May, 2002 Fatal Harvest, Island Press

Andrew Fisher. "Community Food Security: A Promising Alternative to the Global Food System"

March, 2002. Community Food Security Coalition

Kami Pothukuchi, Hugh Joseph, Hannah Burton, Andrew Fisher. What's Cooking in Your Food System

January, 2002 Community Food Security Coalition

Maya Tauber, Andrew Fisher. A Guide to Community Food Projects

Summer, 2001, Community Food Security Coalition

Andrew Fisher, Bob Gottlieb et. al. The Healthy Farms, Food and Communities Act: Policy Initiatives for the 2002 Farm Bill and the First Decade of the 21st Century

January, 2001 Community Food Security Coalition

Andrea Azuma, Andrew Fisher. Healthy Farms, Healthy Kids: Evaluating the Barriers and Opportunities for Farm to School Programs

Winter, 2000, Race, Poverty, and the Environment.

Andrew Fisher, Michael Ableman. Co-editors issue "A Place at the Table: Food and Environmental Justice"

Robert Gottlieb, Andrew Fisher. "Community Food Security Coalition and Environmental Justice: Converging Paths Towards Social Justice and Sustainable Communities"

March, 1999. Community Food Security Coalition

Dawn Biehler, Andrew Fisher, et. al. Getting Food on the Table: An Action Guide to Local Food Policy

January, 1999. Community Food Security Coalition

Andrew Fisher. Hot Peppers and Parking Lot Peaches: Evaluating Farmers' Markets in Low Income Communities

Spring, 1997. Urban Ecology

Andrew Fisher. What is Community Food Security?

1996-2007 Community Food Security Coalition

Editor, Community Food Security News

Fall, 1996, Journal of Agriculture and Human Values

Robert Gottlieb, Andrew Fisher. Community Food Security and Environmental Justice: Searching for a Common Discourse

June, 1996. UC Transportation Center

Robert Gottlieb, Andrew Fisher, et. al. "Homeward Bound: Food Related Strategies for Low Income and Transit Dependent Communities"

April, 1996. Antipode

Robert Gottlieb, Andrew Fisher. "First Feed the Face": Environmental Justice and Community Food Security

Spring, 1995. Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, UCLA

Andrew Fisher, Robert Gottlieb. Community Food Security: Policies for a More Sustainable Food System in the Context of the 1995 Farm Bill and Beyond.

January, 1994. Community Food Security Coalition

Andrew Fisher Community Food Security Empowerment Act

June, 1993. Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, UCLA

Linda Ashman, Jaime de la Vega, Marc Dohan, Andrew Fisher, Rosa Hippler, Billi Romain. Seeds of Change: Strategies for Food Security for the Inner City.

Professional and Community Leadership

- National Food Day Advisory Council, 2011
- Food and Society Policy Fellow, 2009-2010
- Multnomah County Food Initiative Steering Committee 2010
- “Justie” Award, Ecological Farming Association, 2007
- Food and Society Conference Planning Committee, 2007
- Board of Directors, National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture, 1996-2002
- Board of Directors, Ocean View Farms, 2000-2002
- Board of Directors, Venice Ocean Park Co-op, 2000-2001
- Steering Committee, California Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, 1995-2002
- Food Security Task Force, California Nutrition Network, 1999-2004
- Los Angeles Community Food Security Network, 1995-1997
- Los Angeles Community Garden Council, 1995-1997

Presentations

Made over 150 presentations at academic, NGO and government conferences addressing sustainable agriculture, anti-hunger, public health, environment, urban agriculture, Native American, environmental health, religion, community development, and food systems matters.

Education

- 1994 UCLA, Latin American Studies. M.A.
- 1993 UCLA, Environmental Analysis and Policy. M.A.
- 1985, Northwestern University, Spanish Language and Literature, B.A.

Languages

- Fluent in Spanish
- Working knowledge of French and Portuguese