



2022 County Council Candidate Questionnaire

The Food Council invited all County Council candidates to complete a 9-item questionnaire, which was developed in collaboration with our community partners. Our goal is to provide information on local candidate's food system priorities and commitments. As a 501c3 nonprofit organization, we do not endorse candidates.

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Candidate for: **County Council District 6**

1. Please describe your personal and/or professional engagement in any local food systems initiatives, policies, and programs.

A: Mid -County Food Consolidation Hub at Hughes united Methodist Church. I volunteered ad interacted with the community on Tuesday when packing takes place ad Thursdays for distribution.

2. Please describe any plans you have for creating economic opportunities for individuals who identify as Black, Indigenous, Latinx/Latino, and/or a person of color, particularly in food and agriculture?

A: I support minority owned businesses in the food industry. Restaurants, markets etc.

3. Please describe your position on addressing income insufficiency, which is a major contributor to food insecurity in our County. Please describe any positions or initiatives in your platform that focus on food security.

A: I support job training to improve the skills of our residents. They can apply and receive better wage paying jobs.

4. What role should the County government have in improving resident access to federal benefit programs, such as SNAP and WIC.

A: Incorporate the information and applications for these programs on a county level for the needed applicants.

5. It is likely that the impacts of climate change, national and global politics, and future disasters will further disrupt food production, supply chains, and food security networks. Please describe any policies and programs that you will propose or support to address local food system resilience?

A: I support community gardens and a pilot program for tiny houses and minority owned farms. offer incentives to local farmers and support Farmers Markets.



6. Please describe any initiatives or policies you would propose to increase local food production and access to affordable agricultural land.

A: Community owned gardens that grow vegetables. Recycle compost to be used as fertilizer.

7. Please describe any initiatives or policies you will propose to reduce food waste and advance zero-waste strategies.

A: Recommend rebates or incentives to residents who purchase compost machines for their kitchens.

8. Where do you see opportunities for the County government to support food education? How can the County support residents in making healthy and sustainable food choices easier?

A: Community centers, libraries and schools.

9. What do you see as the biggest food system challenges in the County and what do you believe is the role of the County Council in addressing them? How should community stakeholders be engaged in that work?

A: Consolidation Hubs need to be treated regularly for rodent infestation from damaged bags and loose food. Stakeholders should help with this and share the cost of treatment. Vitamin supplements for adults and children can be included in a bag of weekly groceries for food insecurity residents.

