



Kern Food Policy Council 2013 Membership Application

The Kern Food Policy Council (KFPC) provides a forum for individuals from many sectors of the community food system that have come together around common interests and beliefs about a healthy sustainable food system for Kern County. The KFPC will develop and implement a 10-year plan to end chronic hunger and food insecurity in Kern County. Council formation is sponsored by the United Way of Kern County, the California Endowment, and Community Action Partnership of Kern.

Council Member Qualifications

The volunteer position of Council member will require expertise in one or more food system related issues. Council members must also have the ability to work together to create policy and sustainable change while taking into consideration the impact on the entire local food system.

Please place a check next to the role that you are interesting in assuming below:

- Steering Committee - There are a total of 21 Steering Committee positions representing: Production, Processing, Distribution, Consumption, Waste Management, Education, Five (5) Member at Large (Representative of 5 Kern Supervisorial Districts). For specific categories within these sectors, please see second page of this application.

The criteria used for selecting inaugural steering committee members include:

- Attend monthly Council meetings, approximately ten (10) per year. (Missing three Council meetings a year without prior discussion with the Council Chair is deemed equivalent to a resignation.)
- Engage in working groups.
- Be willing to bring organizational resources to the table.
- A commitment to transforming the Kern County food system into an equitable, sustainable, and economically viable system by identifying opportunities and advocating for policy change to support improvements.
- Be willing to commit to the roles and responsibilities as listed in the Councilmember MOU/Agreement.

Please answer YES or NO to the following questions.

Membership on the Council's Steering Committee will require attendance to monthly Council meetings (a total of ten (10) meetings throughout the year) AND participation in at least one potential working group that will meet more frequently. Will you be able to make this time commitment? ____ Yes ____ No

- Community Liaison - There will be additional ongoing opportunities for interested community members and agencies to participate as a Community Liaison and, actively participate in workgroups and provide guidance to the Steering Committee.

The criteria used for selecting inaugural Community Liaison members include:

- Attend and actively participate in quarterly Community Forum meetings, approximately three (3) per year.
- Commit to transforming the Kern County food system into an equitable, sustainable, and economically viable system by identifying opportunities and advocating for policy change to support improvements.
- Be willing to engage in problem-solving and decision making

Please answer YES or NO to the following questions.

Community Liaison members will be required to participate in the planning and attend approximately three (3) community forum meetings AND participation in at least one potential working group that will meet more frequently. Will you be able to make this time commitment? ____ Yes ____ No



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All information provided will be treated with respect and kept confidential.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Occupation: _____ Employed Retired Not in workforce

Demographic Information

Gender Female Male

Age 18 - 25 26 - 35 36 - 55 56 - 75 76 +

Ethnicity/Race - Check ALL that apply.

Native American Pacific Islander Hispanic or Latino White Asian
 Black or African American

Your link to Kern County - Check ALL that apply. Live Work

Please identify if you have WORKED in the following sectors. Check ALL that apply.

Industry

Private sector Public Sector Non-profit Government

Health and Education

University/College Early Child Education Child Nutrition Program
 Dept. of Public Health K - 12 Education Nutritionist/Dietician
 Healthcare Professional Private Health

Food System

Farmer Farmers Market Restaurant/Chef Grocery Store Transportation
 Wholesaler Distributor Food Chain/Franchise Retail

Please identify if you have been INVOLVED with the following groups. Check ALL that apply.

Neighborhood Association Civic Organization Faith Community Anti-poverty
 Community Garden Community Health Food Recovery Obesity Task Force

1) **Why would you like to be a member of the Food Policy Council? Feel free to describe skills, strengths, and experiences you would bring to the Council.**

2) **What is your vision for the local food system? What do see as opportunities and challenges for the local food system and the Food Policy Council?**

Please return to CAPK at 300 19th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301 or fax to (661) 336-5257. You can also access the application at www.capk.org or uwkern.org. For additional information, please contact Tomeka Powell, Analyst, CAPK at (661) 336-5236 x 1193 or tpowell@capk.org.



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Council Membership Roles and Responsibilities

Background:

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The Council is formed to:

- Develop and implement a 10-year plan to end chronic hunger and food insecurity in Kern County.
- Establish and maintain a comprehensive dialogue and assessment of the current food system in our community to identify areas needing improvement and eliminate duplication of services;
- Provide a forum for people involved in different parts of our community food system and government to meet and learn about how each others' actions impact our food system;
- Identify and prioritize issues and make recommendations that promote, support and strengthen access to healthy food for citizens in our community.
- Initiate research, policies, and programs that increase food security and social and economic opportunity for food producers, distributors, and consumers;
- Serve as a resource to the community to assist in solution-oriented local food system development programs and projects.
- Be an advocate for constituents in the community.

Members of the Council's Steering Committee will:

- Commit to transforming the Kern County food system into an equitable, sustainable, and economically viable system by identifying opportunities and advocating for policy change to support improvements.
- Demonstrate a commitment to respectfully engage diverse stakeholders within the community and seek to understand their concerns.
- Be willing to engage in problem-solving and decision making.
- Be willing to work in the public interest for the benefit of the food system, rather than directly representing any organization with which they are affiliated.
- Attend monthly Council meetings, approximately ten (10) per year. (Missing three Council meetings a year without prior discussion with the Council Chair is deemed equivalent to a resignation. Note: Council meetings include Steering Committee and Community Forum meetings)
- Engage in working groups.
- Be willing to bring organizational resources to the table.
- Commit to gaining consensus on issues.
- Pay steering committee dues to sustain the work of the Council. (*Level of dues to be decided by Steering Committee*)

Community Liaison will:

- Commit to transforming the Kern County food system into an equitable, sustainable, and economically viable system by identifying opportunities and advocating for policy change to support improvements.
- Be willing to engage in problem-solving and decision making.
- Attend and actively participate in quarterly Community Forum meetings, approximately three (3) per year.