

Lessons from Los Angeles: Innovative Public-Private Partnerships to Promote Food Rescue



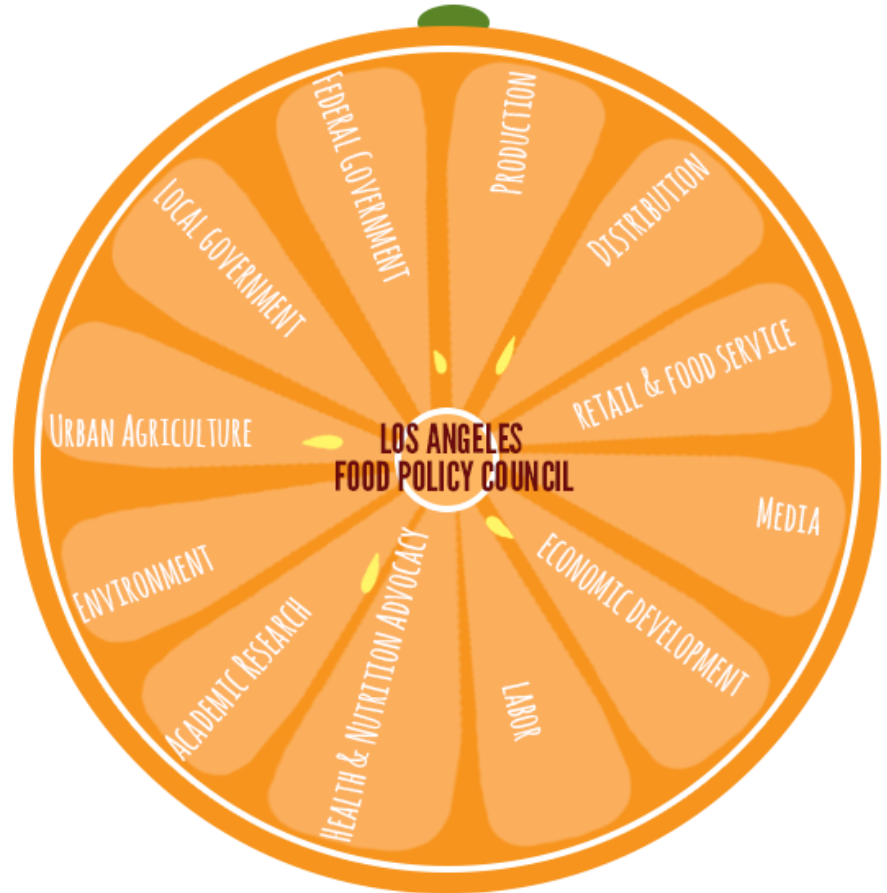
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Los Angeles Food Policy Council (LAFPC)

Created to increase coordination of system-wide change.

Designed to bring together diverse leaders and stakeholders.



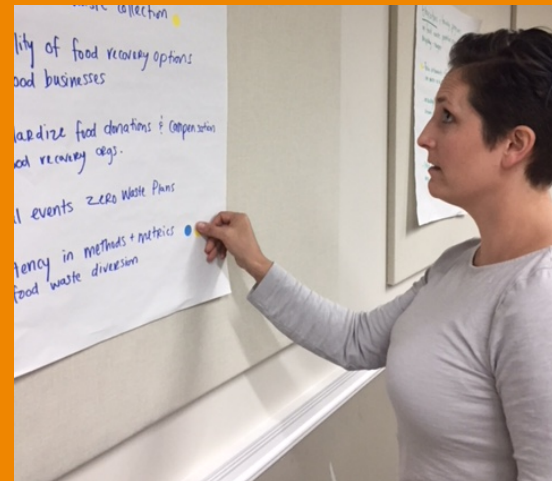


Our Goal

We work to ensure all communities can have access to food that is healthy, affordable, and grown in a sustainable and fair manner.

What We Do

Cultivate Collaboration
Align Communities
Make Impact



Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Working Group

Local Mandate: LA City Waste Hauler Contracts

Section 5.8 Cooperation with Food Rescue

- The City believes that the highest and best use for edible food is to feed people.
- **The contractor shall partner with an appropriate local non-profit for the redistribution of edible food “Before the Bin.”**
- Collection services for foods that are safe for human consumption shall be offered to all customers in coordination with a City directed food rescue program.

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“Funding shall be provided that is equal to at least \$1,000 per 100 CUSTOMER accounts annually.”

The recycLA Service Provider (RSP) contractually has 3 options for participation:

1. Make a monetary donation
2. Provide in-kind service
3. Sub-contract with a non-profit organization
 - Recovery of edible food for human consumption
 - Collect food waste to be composted or processed into energy



FOOD RECOVERY & RESCUE

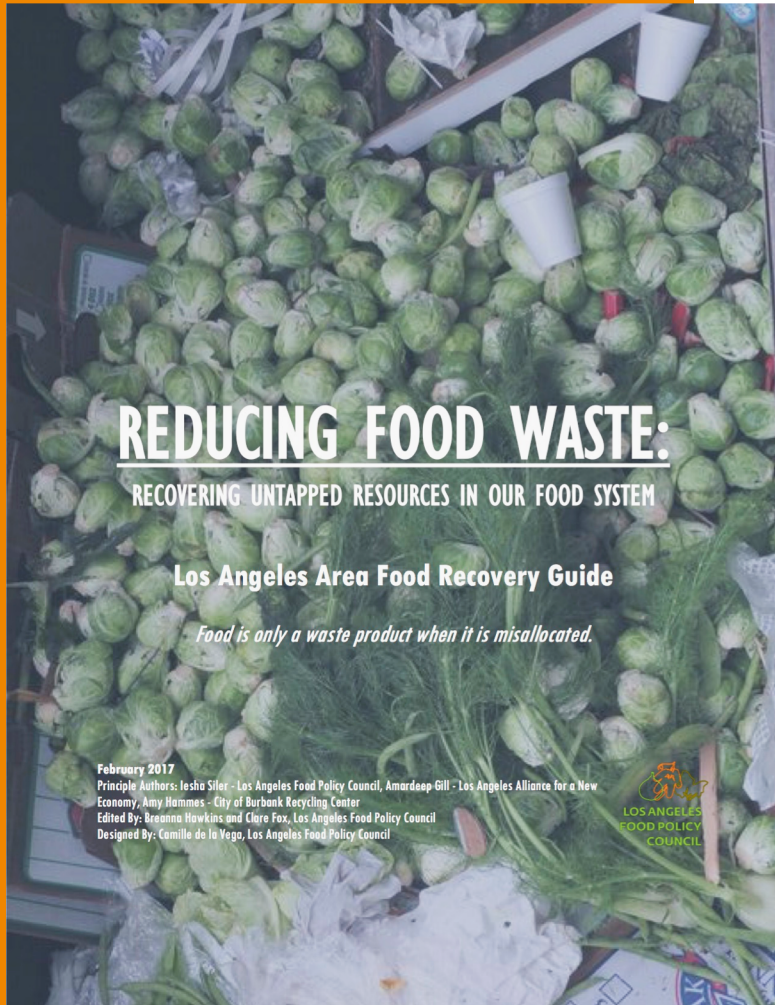
INFORMATION SESSION &
MEET & GREET

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

LOS ANGELES CITY HALL
4TH FLOOR MEDIA ROOM
200 N. SPRING ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

RSVP TO ISILER@GOODFOODLA.ORG





Guide Objectives

- To inform and drive policy-making
- To inspire new partnerships
- To demystify food donation misconceptions
- To provide and share information and resources



RSP Food Rescue Reported Totals

- **2017:** Tons of Food Rescued (July — Dec. 2017) — **955 tons or 1,910,000 lbs.**
- **2018:** Tons of Food Rescued (Jan. — Aug. 2018) — **1,478 tons or 2,956,000 lbs.**



Food Rescue Partners

- Dream Center — 1 RSP
- Food Finders — 4 RSPs
- Food Forward — 5 RSPs
- LA Kitchen — 1 RSP
- LA Regional Food Bank — 1 RSP
- St. Francis Center — 3 RSPs
- Waste Not Want Not — 1 RSP
- World Harvest — 1 RSP

Challenges



LA Zoo Model + in-kind Composting



SB 1383 Commentary



#FreeTheFood Campaign

- Partnership with Board of Public Works to fund local organizations
- Demonstration projects to develop local infrastructure
- Increase public awareness of food waste issues and engage Angelenos



1854

people engaged across Los Angeles in food waste prevention and composting

11k+

pounds of food scraps diverted from the landfill

5.1

tons of
greenhouse
gas emissions
(CO2 saved)
prevented

Food Rescue Success Stories



Through recycLA,
Food Finders has recovered
373,294 pounds
of food since July 2017.

This has provided 25
different agencies with
311,000 meals,
feeding Angelenos struggling
with food access and insecurity.

#FREETHEFOOD



Through recycLA,
St. Francis Center has
recovered an additional
332,454 pounds
of food, enough to create
277,045 meals.

The Center is on pace to
recover more food and feed
more homeless and low-income
individuals and families than ever
before in its 45-year history!

#FREETHEFOOD



LA Community Garden Council + LA Conservation Corp + LA Compost



IMPACT:

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**Conservation
Corp youth**
trained on
compost bin build

97

attendees
engaged
at compost
workshops at
LACGC gardens

1.1

tons of green-
house gas
emissions (CO2
saved)
prevented

2.5k

pounds of food
scraps diverted
from the landfill

LA County Food Redistribution Initiative (LACFRI)

- An initiative begun by the Los Angeles Department of Public Health
- Currently housed in Environmental Health
- Approach the food waste issue holistically
- Addressing **prevention, recovery, and recycling** of food waste, with a special emphasis on food donation.



NRDC: Food Matters

Save the Food: A Public Education Campaign

Office of the Mayor and LASAN to partner
with NRDC and 100 Resilient Cities

LASAN Commitment:

- \$20,000 for print ads (billboards, LASAN Truck signs)
- Staff time for approximately 6 months
- November 2018 — Planned launch



FWPR Working Group Members

Government Agencies



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Non Profits



Food Finders
Rescuing Food, Ending Hunger



Private Sector



CALMET SERVICES, INC.





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