

# JHFS Community Council

- for selling or bartering
- to food justice
- Just Garden Project
- Consider a position @ DoEP's that focuses on food
- Request a youth city council

## Requests

THESE ARE SOME OF THE BARRIERS TO...

- Housing
- Childcare
- Workforce
- Human Rights

"Supporting things that allow people to get the food themselves."

Non traditional learning enviro. youth do not have same access to food/lunch as pub. school (voucher)  
 RANIER YOUTH CHANGING FOOD POLICY @ SCHOOL



### Grow & Sell

Community members want the ability to sell and grow their own food in all zones of the city, while minimizing bureaucracy



### Seats on Sustainable Tacoma Commission

Make Food Justice a priority issue when selecting for seats on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission. Try to have 1 to 2 members with that focus.



### Dedication of Position

The Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability can set a point to support and align the work of The Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability with JHFS COI.



### Prioritize Low-Income Housing Development

Request & enforce low-income units. And/Or Support community ownership models including land trusts, co-ops & community centered development. Density does not equal housing justice.

## Who is the Community Council?

A group of grassroots community leaders, geographically diverse residents, and people currently experiencing challenges within the food system. They focus on making change or acting on issues within their communities.

## Barriers to Food Security:

- Lack of Housing
- Living Wage
- Human Rights Violations
- Meaningful Employment
- Racism
- Benefits Cliff
- Lack of Transit
- Childcare

## What We Experience:

"We're [programs & taxes] spending all this money but I don't feel like it works. It's just enough to keep us afloat, but not out of the system."

"Just because I'm an organizer doesn't mean I'm not affected. I need them to see who the people are. I'm an organizer because I'm affected."

"I want to see them supporting things that allow us to get the food ourselves."

"...Supporting people already doing the work."

## Critical Issues, Related to Food, Facing People Like Us:

### Displacement & Gentrification

"Food is important, but building support isn't going to matter if everyone who is experiencing hunger can't afford to stay."

### Access To Land & Resources

Reflective of a lack of generational wealth, racial bias, remnants of old policies (redlining, wage laws, etc.).

### Benefits Cliff

"It's not just housing. One little thing can put you out [of support programs] and this is a reality for more people not considered low-income enough..."

# Urban Agriculture Task Force

## Policy Requests



### Define Urban Agriculture

Create a definition of urban agriculture and market gardens.



### Legalize Sale of Ag Products In Yards Everywhere

Create regulations & permitting process in partnership with JHFS COI to incorporate equity and clarity for what is allowed.



### Simplify & Aggregating Code Information

Create dedicated webpage to access Urban Agriculture related information and city code written in plain language.



### Incorporate Urban Ag Into Planning & Development

Build upon existing codes to support greater use of 'planting strips', landscaping, requiring food to be built into infrastructure and developments.

### Current Situation

- \* There are existing urban farms/urban farmers but if they want to sell what they grow they exist in a legal grey zone and are not regulated or supported.
- \* There is community interest in increasing urban agriculture in Tacoma (from potential growers, buyers, and support agencies) but there is not a clear path forward
- \* There is widespread fear and concern in the community about changes in Tacoma related to housing and overall affordability
- \* There is potential in using urban agriculture as a tool to support existing residents to remain and thrive here and welcome new residents to build a healthy community for all

### Support H.U.G. To Scale It's Model

Hilltop Urban Gardens Urban Farm Network (UFN) model is generating a tremendous amount of food from many small-footprint plots. The UFN has also become a proven model to mitigate displacement and lack of affordable housing for low-income people.

- Collective ownership model – Creating stability in communities through collective ownership of land.
- Impacted Community-Led Solutions - People living through food and housing adversity are experts of their experience and best positioned to create lasting solutions.

### Programming Requests:

- Provide funding for an Urban Farming Capacity Building Program to develop, train, provide resources for low-income and marginalized people.
- Provide support for the development/adaptation of an aggregator/food hub to help the smaller scale farmers get their food into larger businesses.

# Community Created Research

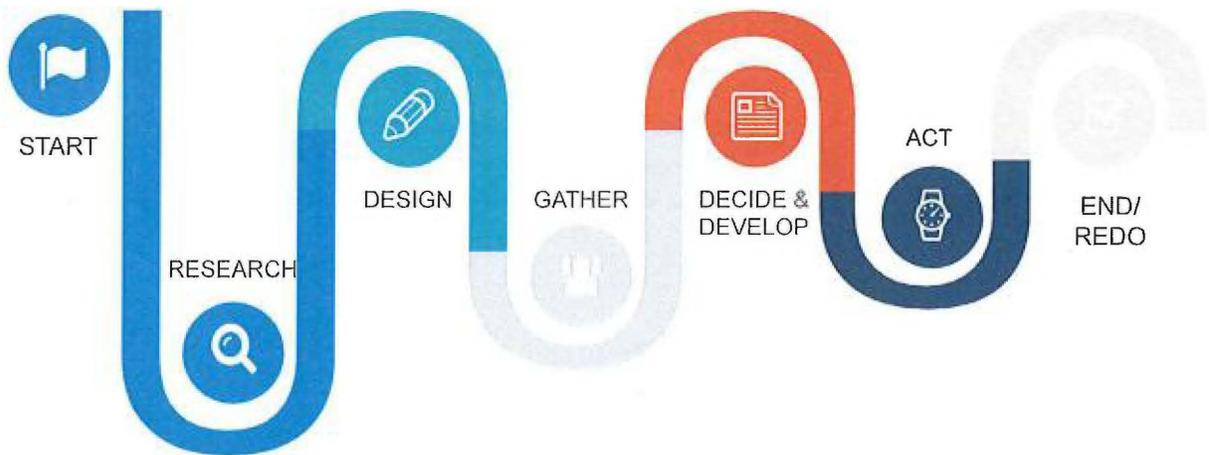
## What is Community Created Research?

People living and working in specific neighborhoods or cities who gather to develop methods to engage their community, gather information, analyze it together in a community forum, and then create actions based on what they see or know to be their experience.

## South Tacoma

South Tacoma's community design team work culminated in a People's Movement Assembly (PMA). Their process started with: research, surveys, and focus groups since 2016.

The deep community importance of food: it's love, shared space, tradition, getting well but a double-edged sword, connection ancestors

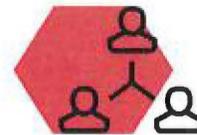


### South Tacoma Requests

Support community ownership models including land trusts, co-ops & community centered development. Request & enforce low-income units.

Prioritize supporting community members to lead planning and programing discussions by going to existing groups & providing resources.

"Community members should step up and agencies should step back." Support the PMA Model.



### Hilltop Requests

Support the Hilltop Urban Garden's Urban Farm Network to Scale Up

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# Overarching Requests



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## **Ensure Utilization Of An Equity Lens**

Build on Office of Human Rights & Equity by centering how racial bias can exacerbate these issues. Utilize an Equity Lens during fulfillment of these requests that prioritizes racial equity.



## **Collaborate with Each Team & Appoint A City Staff Person To Be Point For Food Justice Issues**

Work with Urban Ag. Task Force to build and implement their requests.

Work with the Community Council & Community Design Teams to build & implement their requests.

Work with all teams, partners and JHFS COI membership regularly, beyond these requests.



## **Build Accountability Structures & Follow Up Actions**

Collaborate with JHFS COI Coordinators to checkin, incorporate outcomes & indicators, and develop shared goals & accountability structures.