



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: City Council
FROM: Council Member Marty Campbell
COPIES TO: Mark Lauzier, Acting City Manager; Executive Leadership Team; file
SUBJECT: Eastside Food Innovation District
DATE: January 31, 2017

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The following item will be scheduled on the agenda of the earliest available Study Session:

I respectfully propose the appropriate City of Tacoma staff study of the feasibility and implementation of a Food Innovation District for the Eastside of Tacoma and to report back to the Economic Development Committee.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Studies show that a child raised on the Eastside of Tacoma is likely to live 7-12 years less than other parts of the city. While there are many reasons for this, access to healthy food is a strong contributor. A Food Innovation District can help address this disparity.

A Food Innovation District (FID) is a concentration of food-oriented businesses as an equitable development strategy for areas with food deserts. FIDs often include services such as:

- Markets
- Food business incubators
- Facilities for food storage, packing, and distribution needs

By encouraging business collaboration, FIDs provide important opportunities for product aggregation, information sharing, and partnering on events and market promotion. The idea is for the FID to be a starting point and for a local food economy to naturally grow around it. FIDs generally start with one defined, multi-purpose facility or cluster of facilities that support the following:

- Large and medium-sized private food businesses as anchor tenants, with linkages to job training programs and a commitment for local hiring and procurement
- Commercial kitchens to support local entrepreneurs and a potential food-production social enterprise
- Classroom space for courses on food delivery, preparation, production, nutrition, ESL, and business skills
- Supportive services including technical assistance to individuals and businesses, immigrant support, resume writing, soft-skills training, small business development, and childcare

FUNDING REQUEST:

None



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SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____
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SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES OPTIONAL)

1. *Ryan M. Mello* **8** _____ Position
2. _____ Position