

Chair Nomination and Application Form

What is the Oakland County Food Policy Council

The Oakland County Food Policy Council (OCFPC) (oakgov.com/echo) was established and formalized in 2016. Currently, over 20 organizations and community residents participate in the Council meetings and activities. Members come from a variety of backgrounds, including healthcare, schools, emergency food providers, concerned residents, and social service agencies. The Council's vision is that Oakland County has a fair, sustainable, and culturally friendly food system that encourages healthy eating for all. The Council's mission is to lead and advance food policy and systems change that will increase equitable and healthy access for all. The council currently meets every other month and workgroups meet as determined by the members.

The council is led by a council chair(s), workgroup chairs, and Energizing Connections for Healthier Oakland (ECHO) core staff (from Oakland County Health Division) who serve as the backbone support. The council maintains a Coordinating Committee which is composed of both the full and workgroup chairs, and ECHO core staff.

What is the Chair's Role

The chair position is a volunteer leadership position, requiring approximately 4-6 hours a month (includes meeting time). We would like to have a chair for at least 1-year and then will evaluate additional years annually.

A passion for positive change and experience with [Social Determinants of Health \(SDOH\)](#) through professional work, volunteering, and/or lived experiences are all that is necessary for this role! You do not need to be a food systems or policy expert, or work in the food system or access sector to be considered.

Who we are looking for in a Chair

- A person who is passionate and energized to make positive social change
- Someone who has an open communication style
- A person is comfortable leaning on content experts within the council
- Someone who is committed to equity and justice, and continually open to learning how racism and other structural factors creates inequities
- A person with a collaborative spirit, willing to work with the council membership and among community partners, to achieve goals collectively
- Someone who has experience with meeting facilitation and can help provide support during council meetings

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What are the Chair's Key Responsibilities

- Attend at least 5 full council meetings annually (approximately 90 minutes/per meeting)
- Participate in every other month planning meetings to develop ideas, activities, and guest speakers for full council meetings (approximately 1 hour/every other month)
- Provide insight on current events, policy changes, and advocacy issues etc. that pertain to council interests and activities
- Create and support a welcoming council culture that fosters inclusion and new members
- Help identify concerns and/or priorities, and brings these to the ECHO staff and/or to the full council
- Provide insight and support funding opportunities
- With the Coordinating Committee, create an on-boarding process for new council members
- With the Coordinating Committee, engage with the greater Oakland County community to ensure community needs and interests are represented in council priorities
- If asked, represent the council in the community at meetings, events (varies)

Application Instructions and Deadline to Apply

Please complete the following application and submit by September 29, 2023. Applications may be emailed to echo@oakgov.com. If you need help submitting an application, please email echo@oakgov.com or call 248-410-1002.

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General Applicant Information

First Name	Last Name
Email	Phone

Do you live, work, and/or volunteer within Oakland County? Yes No

Are you a member of the Oakland County Food Policy Council? Yes No

If yes, please check the box to indicate how many years you have been a member.

0-1 years

1-2 years

3-5 years

5+ years

General Questions

You may use personal or professional examples and experience when answering these questions. Please limit responses to no more than 3 pages. Resume may be submitted to supplement the application.

1. Describe your work or volunteer experience that you feel passionate about.

2. What issues within the food system or other social issues (i.e. housing, access to healthcare, transportation) do you feel strongly about?

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3. How do you relate to the council's vision and mission? How could a chair make strides towards achieving the council's vision and mission?

4. What do you feel are some areas of opportunity and challenge for food system work and/or other social issues in Oakland County (i.e. housing, transportation, access to care)?

5. Describe your advocacy experience (either formal or informal in a professional or personal setting).

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6. How do you support diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts (see [Key Concepts and Definitions](#) or oakgov.com/community/health/about/health-equity), personally or professionally.

7. Any additional information you would like us to know about yourself?