

## **Oakland County Food Policy Council**

### **Full Council Nomination and Application Form**

**Description of Council:** The Oakland County Food Policy Council (OCFPC) was established and formalized in 2016. The council's mission is to create a fair and culturally friendly food system in Oakland County that encourages healthy eating. The council's main goal is to increase accessibility, affordability, and consumption of healthy foods throughout Oakland County. The council currently meets bi-monthly and supporting workgroups meet as determined by the members.

The council is led by a council chair, workgroup chairs, and Energizing Connections for Healthier Oakland (ECHO) core staff (from Oakland County Health Division) 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.

**Description of Role:** Volunteer leadership position, approximately 8 hours a month, 1-year minimum time commitment with annual evaluation and option for re-commitment after year one. The council chair will work closely with ECHO Core Staff to accomplish the following responsibilities.

#### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Identify issues of concern/priority issues to bring to the full council
- Help identify guest speakers on issues of concern for council meetings
- Plan for bi-monthly meetings and set meeting agendas with the rest of the coordinating committee
- Stay up to date on current events, policy changes, etc. that pertain to council interests and activities
- Represent the council in the community at meetings, events
- Encourage community members to join the council
- Provide guidance and support around advocacy issues and grant funding opportunities
- With Coordinating Committee, create an onboarding 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
- Support a council culture that is open and welcoming to all
- Meet, at a minimum, quarterly with the Coordinating Committee
- Attend at least 5 full council meetings annually

#### **Desired Qualifications:**

- Strong commitment to equity and justice and a demonstrated understanding of how racism and other structural factors creates inequities in the food system
- Good understanding of food policy and the various organizations and groups committed to improving food access in Oakland County and Michigan
- Excellent understanding of the food systems as a whole
- Collaborative spirit
- Experience with meeting facilitation

## Application Instructions and Deadline to Apply

Please complete the following application and submit by June 10, 2022. Completed applications may be emailed to [echo@oakgov.com](mailto:echo@oakgov.com). If you need support submitting an application, please email [echo@oakgov.com](mailto:echo@oakgov.com) or call 248-410-1002. Applications will be considered by the council's leadership committee.

## 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 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

3-5 years

1-2 years

5+ years

## Relevant position questions and information

*You may use personal or professional examples and experience when answering these questions. Add additional pages for answers as necessary.*

1. Describe your work or volunteer experience in the food system.
2. What issues within the food system do you feel passionate about?
3. Why are you interested in serving as chair?
4. What is your vision for the Oakland County Food Policy Council if selected as chair?

5. What are the areas of opportunity and challenge for food system work in Oakland County?
6. Describe your advocacy experience (either formal or informal) within the food system.
7. How would you support the diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in the Oakland County Food Policy Council?
8. Any additional information you would like us to know about yourself?

If the chair is unable to fulfill their role as Oakland County Food Policy Council Chair, they will notify ECHO core staff as soon as possible, provide 30 day notice, and participate in the transition process identifying a new chair.