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### **REPORT BACK ON ESTABLISHING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR FOOD EQUITY (ITEM NO. 24, AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023)**

On November 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in consultation with the Chief Sustainability Office (CSO), Department of Public Health (DPH), and Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), and in consideration of the recommendations included in the June 14, 2023, report back "On the Future of Los Angeles County Food Equity Roundtable" to: a) Establish the Los Angeles County Office of Food Equity (OFE), which will support the Los Angeles County Food Equity Roundtable (Roundtable) and b) Report back to the Board in writing within 90 days regarding the structure, placement of the OFE, staffing plan, and a public-private cost-sharing budget of the OFE including the possibility of developing a plan for an innovative third-party administrator to support, develop, and operate the OFE.



## **Background**

On June 14, 2023, the CSO provided a report to the Board that included County departmental commitments to support the Roundtable's Strategic Plan and initial recommendations regarding a proposed OFE in the County. The key responsibilities highlighted for the OFE include helping to facilitate future County and Roundtable efforts, and maintain and build cross-sector partnerships, both in support of the Strategic Plan commitments and strategy implementation.

## **Action Steps**

The CEO has taken the following actions to establish the County OFE and maintain momentum towards continuing the work of the Roundtable and implementing the Strategic Plan:

- Met with and solicited feedback from departments and external partners involved in the food equity work to learn more about the work of the Roundtable, including the CSO, DPH, DPSS, LA Food Policy Council, and Annenberg Foundation.
- Reviewed the reports and work of the Roundtable and met with a number of departments and Roundtable members to develop initial models for the OFE's structure, placement, staffing plan, and budget. The most immediate priority identified is securing a third-party administrator (TPA) and determining its responsibilities.
- Identified requirements for securing a TPA who will be responsible for supporting, developing, and implementing strategies of the OFE, for the financial administration of the OFE's public-private cost-sharing model, and for hiring and retaining an Executive Director for the OFE among other responsibilities.
- Secured a commitment from Annenberg Foundation, California Community Foundation (CCF), and Weingart Foundation, the original funders of the County's Food Equity Roundtable pilot, to fund the salary of the Executive Director of the OFE for the first two years. Additionally, philanthropy, in general, is assessing what else they can do to continue momentum including advocacy and policy work, communications and raising awareness, and securing other funds for food-related issues.

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- Coordinating with the key County agencies participating in the Roundtable including CSO, DPH, and DPSS to determine County staffing needed to work with the OFE on supporting and helping implement its strategies.
- Meeting with Roundtable members and philanthropic partners on developing a budget for the OFE including identifying potential philanthropic funding for aspects of the OFE.

A further update on the status of the OFE will be provided to the Board by May 31, 2024.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Carrie D. Miller at (213) 262-7823 or [cmiller@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:cmiller@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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