



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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18.		Favor	Ana-Alicia Carr	
			Ariana L Contreras	<p>Hello honorable members of the board, my name is Ariana a member of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council's Food Leaders Lab 2024 cohort. I am a resident of district number 1. Thank you to Supervisor Mitchell and to the entire board for proclaiming October 24th as National Food Day in LA County.</p> <p>As mentioned, as of 2023, 3 in 10 LA county residents are food insecure. How can this be in a country, state, and county with so many resources? We need to be prioritizing the wellbeing of all LA county residents ensuring their basic human needs are met including access to fresh, healthy and affordable food.</p> <p>I work with many communities in the San Gabriel Valley that experience high levels of food insecurity. These people are low income and often come from marginalized groups, specifically Asian and Latine communities. I have seen the long lines at the food donation sites. I have been asked when the next one will be or if I know of any other donation sites they can get to. Access to healthy food should be universal, not be based on income or any other limitation.</p> <p>I appreciate the attention given to this motion to advocate for further ensuring the basic needs of your constituents and contribute to creating a healthier and more equitable LA county. I hope that we can allocate resources to prioritize food equity in real, tangible and impactful ways for those that need it most.</p>



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			Natasha Wasim	<p>Honorable members of the board, my name is Natasha Wasim with the Los Angeles Food Policy Council, an collective impact organization working at the intersection of nutrition security, economic development and environmental sustainability to ensure food is healthy, affordable, sustainable and fair for all. I am also PhD student at USC working on food and nutrition insecurity solutions in Los Angeles. I would like to thank you Supervisor Mitchell and the entire board for proclaiming October 24th as National Food Day in LA County.</p>

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18.		Favor	Nikhita Jain	Honorable members of the board, my name is Nikhita Jain with the Los Angeles Food Policy Council, an collective impact organization working at the intersection of nutrition security, economic development and environmental sustainability to ensure food is healthy, affordable, sustainable and fair for all. I am resident of district number 3. I would like to thank you Supervisor Mitchell and the entire board for proclaiming October 24th as National Food Day in LA County. In this ever-changing world, food is one of the most essential connections we all have to the earth. Food connects us all and is paramount to our health. Declaring a National Food Day is to remember this connection we have with all other beings on this planet we call home. With the state of farming in this country, we should celebrate those that grow our food more than ever. Our farmers hold the keys to our survival and we should never take that for granted. Lets celebrate food and the joy that food brings into all of our lives each day.
			Sofia F Jacome	Members of the board, my name is Sofia Jacome, and I represent the Los Angeles Food Policy Council, a collective impact organization dedicated to nutrition security, economic development, and environmental sustainability. Our mission is to ensure that food is healthy, affordable, sustainable, and fair for all. As a resident of District 2, I want to extend my thanks to Supervisor Mitchell and the entire board for proclaiming October 24th as National Food Day in LA County. This recognition is vital in shining a light on the importance of food access for all communities. Understanding the barriers many face in accessing healthy food has fueled my passion for advocating for equitable food systems. Growing up, I witnessed how food quality was often the first thing sacrificed in my family's struggle to make ends meet. This experience ignited my commitment to creating a food system where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, not just survive. Thank you for your support in this important work.
			Tracy Luu	Hello honorable members of the board, my name is Tracy a member of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council's Food Leaders Lab 2024 cohort and a resident of district number 4. Thank you to Supervisor Mitchell and to the entire board for proclaiming October 24th as National Food Day in LA County. As we address food insecurity throughout the county, this is an important focus for our representatives and
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