

# Oakland Food Policy Council 2010 Membership Application

## 1. Oakland Food Policy Council Membership Application Overview

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The Oakland Food Policy Council (OFPC) is now accepting applications for its second group of council members. The mission of the OFPC is to establish an equitable and sustainable food system in Oakland, California. The OFPC's goals cover each aspect of the food system, from production through resource recovery, and emphasize healthy food, healthy environment, healthy economy, and healthy choices. Please visit the OFPC website to review each of the goals in depth: [http://www.oaklandfood.org/mission\\_goals](http://www.oaklandfood.org/mission_goals).

The Oakland Food Policy Council is made up of representatives of all sectors of the food system, with 21 members representing the following "working communities":

- Business Community
- Labor Representatives
- Community Organizations + Residents
- Rural and Regional Organizations
- Health and Education Organizations
- Local Governance

Oakland Food Policy Council members participate in five full-council meetings each year (on the third Thursdays of January, March, May, July, and September at 5:00 pm), and join two smaller workgroups that meet monthly. Workgroups include:

- Public-Private Partnerships
- Neighborhood Innovations
- City Innovations
- Regional and State Innovations
- Development and Outreach
- Fundraising and Financing
- Data Management and Research

Adult OFPC members serve three-year terms, and may re-apply at the end of their term. Youth OFPC members will serve one-year terms, and may re-apply at the end of their term. Term limits TBD.

Please submit your application by August 27, 2010.

Contact Alethea Harper, OFPC Coordinator, with any questions:

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You can also download the OFPC Membership Application as a Word doc or PDF file here:

[http://www.oaklandfood.org/home/apply\\_for\\_ofpc\\_membership](http://www.oaklandfood.org/home/apply_for_ofpc_membership)

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## 2. Oakland Food Policy Council Membership Requirements

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1. Oakland residence and/or employment in Oakland, or in the case of regional/rural organizations, strong interest/investment in the Oakland food system.
2. Attendance at each of the five yearly meetings of the full OFPC.
3. Attendance at 80% of workgroup meetings (average of one per month) for your chosen workgroups, and commitment to work between meetings.
4. Commitment to transforming the Oakland food system into an equitable and sustainable system.
5. Representation of one of the five food system sectors (production, processing, distribution, consumption, waste management) and one of the following "working communities":
  - a. Business Community
  - b. Labor Representatives
  - c. Community Organizations and Residents
  - d. Rural and Regional Organizations
  - e. Health and Education Organizations
  - f. Local Governance
6. Respect for the complexity and sensitivity of the OFPC's work with diverse partners, and appreciation for the need for personal and group skills in diversity management, problem-solving, decision making, and "getting to yes".
7. Commitment to reaching out to a wide variety of people and entities within your "working community" to ensure you understand their needs and what they have to offer.
8. Commitment to working in the public interest. OFPC members are expected to bring certain expertise to the table for the benefit of the Oakland food system, rather than to directly represent any organizations they may be affiliated with.

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## 3. Contact Information

### \* 1. Contact Information

|             |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Name        | <input type="text"/> |
| Title       | <input type="text"/> |
| Affiliation | <input type="text"/> |
| Email       | <input type="text"/> |
| Telephone   | <input type="text"/> |
| Address     | <input type="text"/> |
| City        | <input type="text"/> |
| Zip Code    | <input type="text"/> |

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## 4. Working Communities

How do you identify yourself within the following categories? Check all that apply.

### 1. Business Community

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Association   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant             | <input type="checkbox"/> Distributor       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grocer Association     | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Manufacturer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Grocery Store    | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing Agency  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Grocery Store    | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Chain/Franchise   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |  |

### 2. Labor Representative

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Worker            | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Worker           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Processing Worker      | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management Worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Worker    | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker Advocate         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |  |

### 3. Community Organizations and Citizens

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' Market             | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Charity Organization          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Food Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Organization          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Ag Organization       | <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Group         | <input type="checkbox"/> Oakland Resident                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)      |   |

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## 4. Rural and Regional Businesses and Organizations

- Regional Farm
- Farm Organization
- Other (please specify)
- Farm Support Agency
- Farming Cooperative

## 5. Health and Education

- Oakland Unified School District
- Community Health Organization
- Private Health Organization or Hospital
- Other (please specify)
- University or College
- Research Institution

## 6. Local Governance

- Public Works
- Community and Economic Development Agency
- Human Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Mayor's Office
- Other (please specify)
- Member of City Council
- Public Health Department
- Planning Department
- Social Services Agency
- Agriculture Commissioner

## 5. Food System Sectors

In which sector(s) of the food system do you have expertise?

### 1. Food System Sectors

- Production
- Processing
- Distribution
- Consumption and Marketing
- Waste Management and Resource Recovery
- Other (please specify)

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## 6. Demographic Information

Please provide basic demographic information here.

### \* 1. Gender

Female

Male

Transgender

Decline to State

Other (please specify)

### \* 2. Age

18-25 (Youth ages 13-25 please see our Youth application)

26-35

36-55

56-75

76+

Decline to State

### \* 3. Ethnicity/Race (check all that apply)

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

Hispanic or Latino

Other (please specify)

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\* 4. Disability: Check "Yes" if you have a disability as designated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Yes

No

Decline to State

\* 5. Link to Oakland (Check all that apply)

Live

Work

Market (for regional business)

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## 7. Long-Answer Questions

Please provide your thoughts below.

\* 1. Why would you like to be an Oakland Food Policy Council member?

  

\* 2. Why do you believe you would make a good Oakland Food Policy Council member? Please describe the skills, experience, and other strengths you will bring to the Council.

  

\* 3. How does your work relate to the Oakland Food Policy Council's mission and goals? (See [http://www.oaklandfood.org/home/mission\\_goals](http://www.oaklandfood.org/home/mission_goals))

  

\* 4. What is your vision for the Oakland food system? How might we achieve that vision? What will some of the opportunities and challenges be?

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## 8. Commitment

Making the commitment

- \* 1. Membership on the Oakland Food Policy Council will require attendance at all meetings of the full council (5 per year), and participation in at least one "working group" that will meet more frequently. Will you be able to make this time commitment?

Yes

No

- \* 2. OFPC members are selected based on their skills, experience, and commitment to transforming the Oakland food system, and are asked to serve in the public interest, rather than to directly represent any organization they are affiliated with. If seated on the council, will you be able to serve in the public interest, and recuse yourself from discussion topics if you have a conflict of interest?

Yes

No

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