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January 2023 Quarterly Meeting



Agenda

- Overview of the Community Advisory Board
- Goals and activities of four SFPC Working Groups
- Food Equity Advisors
- Successes of SFPC
- What YOU can do
- Questions



The SFPC Community Advisory Board in action



Education and Communication Working Group

Create and
Implement Food
Education
Campaigns

Food Access Working Group



Create a Gleaning
Program to put more
local produce in food
relief efforts

Capacity Building Working Group

Build the physical
infrastructure and
networking
capacity to create
a regional food
system in
Southeastern MA



Policy Working Group



Food Equity Advisors



September 21, 2022,
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Food Summit 2022

*The Office of Senator Mark Montigny
invites you to Food Summit 2022:*

**The Intersection of Food and
Basic Needs: Healthcare,
Housing, & Transportation**

*Sponsored by UMass Dartmouth, Leduc Center for Civic Engagement,
Office of Senator Mark Montigny, & The Marion Institute*

SFPC Success

We asked our networks to write letters four times this year:

- 1.) The MA Food system budget items.**
- 2.) To support making HIP funding permanent in the MA Economic Development plan**
- 3.) One common application for people on MassHealth to automatically receive SNAP, WIC Utility and other benefits.**
- 4.) Support a grant for Food Policy Councils across MA**

Advocacy Success

1.) Provided written testimony:

- **securing \$30 Million from the American Rescue Plan for the MA Food Infrastructure Grant**
- **Securing COVID funds for the Farm to School grant program**

2.) Letters asking for co-sponsorship on:

- **One Common Application for MassHealth to receive SNAP, WIC and other benefits**
- **MA Food system programs such as HIP, SEMAP, MA Emergency Food Program and many others**

CANDIDATES VIRTUAL FORUM

Tuesday, October 25, 6:30pm – 8pm

The Southcoast Food Policy Council (SFPC) and Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAM) invite you to a virtual candidates forum for the House Representative of the 8th and 10th districts of Bristol County.



Paul Schmid
Incumbent



Evan Gendreau
Candidate



Bill Straus
Incumbent



Dr. Jeffrey Swift
Candidate



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What you can do

Be Engaged!

- **Take action when we send legislative alerts to take action**
- **Participate in our events**
- **Donate and support our work**
- **Contact sfpc@marioninstitute.org**



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