



## Agenda

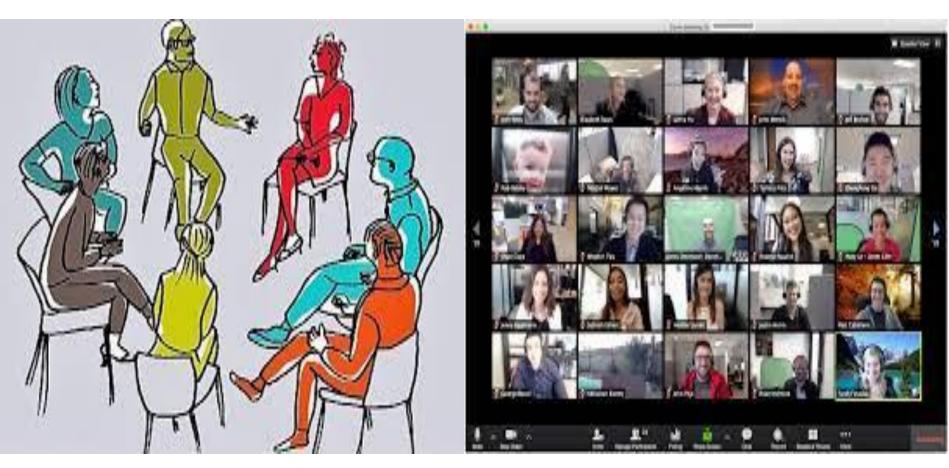


- Overview of the Community Advisory Board
- Goals and activities of four SFPC Working Groups
- Food Equity Advisors
- Successes of SFPC
- . What YOU can do
- Questions



# The SFPC Community Advisory Board in action







# Education and Communication Working Group







## Food Access Working Group







# Capacity Building Working Group







# Policy Working Group

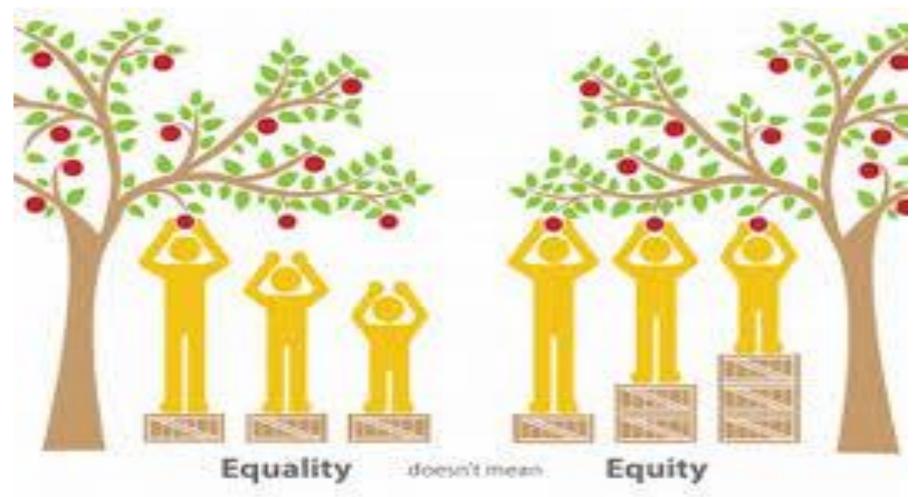






# **Food Equity Advisors**







### SFPC Successes





**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 FORUM

Tuesday, October 25, 6:30pm – 8pm

The Southcoast Food Policy Council (SFPC) and Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP) 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







### 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 <u>sfpc@marioninstitute.org</u>









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