## **GOAL AREA A: ACCESSIBILITY OF HEALTHY FOOD**

# Goal A1: Increase the number of community markets that offer many healthy options within walking distance to all residents\*

- Objective A1a: Increase demand for more local markets
- **Objective A1b:** Increase demand of healthy food at local markets
- **Objective A1c:** Increase the capacity (infrastructure, capital) of local markets to offer healthy foods

## Goal A2: Increase the availability and variety of transportation that allows people to procure food

- **Objective A2a:** Improve current bus system to support easier routine food procurement at markets and other access points
- Objective A2b: Address seasonal issues that impede routine food procurement
- **Objective A2c:** Develop/pilot alternative transportation methods
- Objective A2d: Develop support for local food access among elected officials

#### Goal A3: Increase services that create easy access to healthy food to residents

- Objective A3a: Support connections between healthy food delivery systems and health care delivery systems (e.g. Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program)<sup>1</sup>
- Objective A3b: Facilitate development of alternative healthy food delivery services
- **Objective A3c:** Support year-round farmers' markets
- **Objective A3d:** Explore feasibility of and pilot multiple access models (e.g. food coops, buying clubs, street vendors)

**Goal A4:** Support people in growing and preserving their own food through land access, education and material resources

- **Objective A4a:** Ensure that space for growing food is available for everyone, and particularly in neighborhoods of limited income
- **Objective A4b:** Ensure that community food production is part of city planning and that spaces are preserved
- Objective A4c: Provide support and educational resources to new gardeners

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<sup>\*</sup>Bolded items are prioritized according to GFLA's May 2012 Food Action Charrette

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Formerly the top objective for Goal A2.

## **GOAL AREA B: AFFORDABILITY OF HEALTHY FOOD**

Goal B1: Increase number of people who reduce their food costs through direct partnership with farmers or other services

- Objective B1a: Establish a network of small grocery stores to utilize CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture) and/or bulk buying clubs to purchase food at lower prices
- Objective B1b: Establish a network of farmers and food purchasers who participate in work-share/volunteer programs
- Objective B1c: Increase awareness and utilization of CSA share programs
- Objective B1d: Trial online bulk-buying clubs to reduce cost of staple foods

### Goal B2: Improve and increase resources for healthy and local food procurement<sup>2</sup>

• **Objective B2a:** Expand access at the farmers' markets for low-income consumers through innovative programs (e.g. EBT access, "double dollar," "veggie prescriptions")

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Growing your own food is a fundamental strategy addressing affordability and is covered under Accessibility goal. See Accessibility, Goal 2.

#### GOAL AREA C: AVAILABILITY of HEALTHY FOOD

\*\*There is significant overlap with accessibility and affordability. Goals related to developing alternative delivery services are included in accessibility.\*\*

## Goal C1: Increase the amount of local and healthy food offered at supermarkets and community markets

- Objective C1a: Work with local community markets to include more fresh local food by incentivizing or subsidizing
- Objective C1b: Support the institution of co-operative buying for community markets and corner stores
- Objective C1c: Develop and support a public campaign to increase demand for local food options at supermarkets, grocery stores and community markets
- **Objective C1d**: Create demand for clearly labeled foods in grocery stores (both nutrition labels as well as labels about the food source)
- **Objective C1e**: Increase the availability of culturally appropriate and nutritious foods at existing food stores

#### Goal C2: Make local foods available year-round

- Objective C2a: Build consumer demand for seasonally available foods through education and marketing campaigns
- **Objective C2b:** Support producers in developing season extension strategies (greenhouses, storage facilities, etc)

# Goal C3: Establish the L/A area as a hub for institutional purchasing practices for local food in large institutions (such as hospitals, colleges)

- **Objective C3a:** Participate in emerging regional opportunities to explore feasibility of "Farm to Institution" efforts in L/A
- **Objective C3b**: Engage colleges and hospitals as leaders in building distribution systems and demand

## Goal C4: Change the current food environment to limit the prevalence of healthy food

- **Objective C4a:** Research other cities' efforts to limit exposure to unhealthy food options for children
- **Objective C4b**: Explore urban planning efforts that limit the number of outlets that sell unhealthy food

## **GOAL AREA D: EDUCATION & HEALTHY FOOD EDUCATION**

Goal D1: Increase the number of L/A residents who build healthy food knowledge and skills

- Objective D1a: Offer an increased number and variety of community-based food education programs (e.g. cooking classes, support groups, etc.)
- Objective D1b: Increase the number of locations for food education and the use of existing locations
- **Objective D1c:** Strengthen existing education relevancy with a focus on cooking skills, food storage, handling, purchasing, and gardening
- **Objective D1d:** Facilitate the coordination of food education offerings
- **Objective D1e:** Develop multiple complementary avenues that capitalize on local "people resources" (e.g. develop portable curriculum, accredited peer experts)
- **Objective D1f:** Integrate food education as an important part of health care in primary care provider settings

**Goal D2**: Increase the number of students that receive food and garden education through school-based programs

- **Objective D2a:** Create school-based food and nutrition education programs
- Objective D2b: Increase number of school gardens
- **Objective D2c:** Increase Develop Farm to School programs locally, and have L/A schools join the state Farm to School Network
- **Objective D2d:** Support/utilize curriculum that integrates food and garden education into learning results in the classroom

Goal D3: Increase number of community members who are informed food consumers.

• **Objective D3a:** Develop local campaigns to increase awareness of marketing strategies

Goal D4: Develop community understanding that food is a basic human right<sup>3</sup>

- **Objective D4a:** Educate the public about food insecurity/hunger, and its impact on health, success in school, and the economy
- Objective D4b: Educate the community on equal rights and social change

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Formerly the second priority goal under Social Capital

#### **GOAL AREA E: FOOD ASSISTANCE**

Goal E1: Food assistance programs will ensure that everyone has access to nutritious and culturally appropriate food

• Objective E1a: Increase capacity to preserve, store, and distribute excess produce

Goal E2: Support existing food assistance programs to increase their ability to incentivize healthy choices

- Objective E2a: Advocate for local, state, and federal programs (such as SNAP/WIC) to have the staff capacity and technology needed to be efficient and effective
- Objective E2b: Explore public-private partnerships that support food assistance recipients in building healthy habits

Goal E3: Become a community where food assistance is needed only for emergencies

• **Objective E3a**: Explore innovative models such as community-owned restaurants that provide affordable food for daily meals

Goal E4: Support ongoing use of and access to food assistance programs

• Objective E4a: Ensure that people who are eligible are participating in existing programs such as Senior FarmShare, Meals on Wheels, WIC Fruit & Vegetable vouchers, etc

#### **GOAL AREA F: POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

Goal F1: Develop and support policy efforts that increase access to healthy food and strengthen local purchasing<sup>4</sup>

- Objective F1a: Promote incentive-based policies for local purchasing in public and private settings
- Objective F1b: Ensure needs of the vulnerable populations identified in the Community Food Assessment are reflected in policy
- **Objective F1c:** Engage community in supporting policy change at a local and state level
- **Objective F1d:** Support state and national policy work that incentivizes sustainable farming practices and supports small farmers
- **Objective F1e:** Engage in policy efforts that protect food assistance and nutrition programs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Formerly the top goal for Accessibility.

### **GOAL AREA G: PRODUCTION**

Goal G1: Develop regional distribution systems as well as storage and processing facilities

- Objective G1a: Create demand and develop support for local storage, processing and slaughter facilities
- Objective G1b: Connect to other efforts in the region and position L/A to take advantage of state, federal and private funding opportunities

Goal G2: Increase the production capacity of local farms through investments in infrastructure and technology that supports business development

- Objective G2a: Partner with local and regional academic institutions to direct research and innovation efforts to local food producers and businesses
- Objective G2b: Connect technology resources to existing potential businesses

Goal G3: Promote advocacy and education for local food production and processing

 Objective G3a: Create public campaigns to increase education about local food production and its impact on the community, public health, environment and economy

**Goal G4:** Promote farmland protection and support the increase in the number of working farms in L/A region

- **Objective G4a:** Build community awareness of the knowledge of protecting working farmland and incorporate this knowledge into community/urban planning
- **Objective G4b:** Support existing preservation and conservation efforts that increase the number of working farms
- Objective G4c: Pursue and secure funding for farmland stewardship

**Goal G5:** Develop/expand infrastructure and resources that are designed for multiple uses: education, enterprise, and food security

- Objective G5a: Increase community and individual storage capacity
- Objective G5b: Increase community commercial kitchens

## **GOAL AREA H: SOCIAL CAPITAL**

Goal H1: Increase awareness of and cultivate a stronger network of social "people" assets

- Objective H1a: Assess current "people power" and connect efforts/groups
- Objective H1b: Support and increase programs that engage groups of neighbors together in their own neighborhood
- Objective H1c: Support and increase participation in L/A Time Bank
- Objective H1d: Support and increase bartering opportunities

**Goal H2:** Develop social support networks for accessing, preparing and enjoying healthy foods

- **Objective H2a:** Increase number of kitchens that can be accessed for community events
- **Objective H2b:** Create forums that highlight and honor older and younger generations' contributions (share recipes, shopping tips, stories)