



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Item: Joint City/County resolution establishing a Food Policy Advisory Board

Date: February 6, 2020

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Prepared by: Same

Ward(s) Affected:

☐ Ward 1	☐ Ward 4
☐ Ward 2	☐ Ward 5
☐ Ward 3	☐ Ward 6
☐ All Wards	☒ N/A

Action Required:
Adopt resolution

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Adopt a joint City/County resolution implementing one of the recommendations of Joint Resolution 6889 and establish a Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board to provide policy recommendations to increase security of Missoula's local food system, promote sustainable agriculture that enhances the local economy, connect food access programs to local, nutritious food, build regional self-reliance and climate resiliency

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	February 10, 2020
Committee discussion:	February 19, 2020
Council action (or sets hearing):	February 24, 2020
Public Hearing:	n/a
Deadline:	n/a

Background and Alternatives Explored:

This resolution builds on Resolution 6889, which establish CFAC (Community Food and Agriculture Coalition), by establishing an advisory policy board to make recommendations to both the County Commissioners and the Missoula City council. The board is tasked to coordinate and collaborate with existing local, county, regional and state food and agriculture programs; bring to the attention of City Council and Missoula County Commissioners new programs and opportunities related to food and framing; and to provide policy recommendations that focus on:

- 1) Increased access to affordable, nutritious and safe food for all Missoula city and county residents.
- 2) Enrollment in nutrition assistance programs to those who qualify.
- 3) The sustainability of human and natural resources necessary for agriculture (including agricultural land, important breeds/cultivars, water, skilled labor, capital and markets).
- 4) Development of small to mid-sized business in the food and farming sectors.
- 5) Strong, vibrant local food systems in Missoula city and county.
- 6) Make recommendation on state and federal policies

Financial Implications:
None at this time.