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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Bona Heinsohn
Organization (if any):	Cook Co. Farm Bureau
City/Town:	Countryside
State:	IL
ZIP:	60525

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Good Food Purchasing Policy- Resolution 18-1650

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Fr: Bona Heinsohn, CAE
Cook County Farm Bureau®

Re: Good Food Purchasing Policy- Resolution 18-1650

Cook County Farm Bureau® participated in the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Go To 2040 comprehensive planning process and was an active member of the Local Foods Task Force. The Task Force was charged with investigating and drafting the Local Foods section of the Go To 2040 comprehensive plan.

Regarding Resolution 18-1650, the resolution provides that the Good Food Purchasing Standards would emphasize "Environmental Sustainability- support producers that employ sustainable production systems that reduce or eliminate synthetic pesticides and fertilizers; avoid the use of hormones, antibiotics, and genetic engineering; conserve soil and water; protect and enhance wildlife habitat and biodiversity; and reduce on-farm energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions."

The above provision is admirable, but it raises several concerns, including:

- It's a misconception that farmers overuse synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. Through technology, such as genetic engineering, farmers have been able to reduce the use of crop protectants. Additionally, technology also allows farmers to selectively apply crop protectants to only the areas where they're needed.
- It's also a misconception that farmers overuse hormones and antibiotics. Antibiotics are administered to animals in a similar manner as to when a doctor prescribes antibiotics to humans- only when medically needed. Additionally, when antibiotics are administered the animal cannot be harvested and the milk cannot be used for liquid milk or processed milk products. All meat and milk are tested for antibiotics before they enter the food system. Antibiotics are an important tool to treat sick animals.
- Genetic engineering is an important tool for farmers. Through genetic engineering farmers reduce the use of crop protectants, conserve soil and water, reduce on-farm energy consumption, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Regarding soil and water conservation, farmers are utilizing cover crops to preserve soil, nutrients, and water. These fields also offer wildlife habitat and enhance biodiversity.

For lingering questions about today's food system visit watchusgrow.org.

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rodger Cooley
Organization (if any):	Chicago Food Policy Action Council
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60602

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Statement supporting City of Chicago Good Food Purchasing Program Resolution

Cook County Committee on Health and Hospitals, Wednesday, February, 7, 2018

Thank you to the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee members for the opportunity to speak today. I am Rodger Cooley, Executive Director of the Chicago Food Policy Action Council, a coalition advocating for policies to improve access to and the production and processing of healthy, local, sustainable and fair foods for all Chicago residents. I am speaking in support of the Good Food Purchasing Program Resolution, #18-1650. The Good Food Purchasing Policy (GFPP) supports institutional food buyers to make informed decisions and measure impact in five value categories: local economies, environmental sustainability, valued workforce, animal welfare and nutrition.

I had the privilege to support the development the resolution with the Cook County Social Innovation Commission. I want to thank Commissioner Garcia and members of the commission including Victor Dickson, Valerie Leonard and Marc Lane for their leadership and support. I am impressed by their dedication and commitment to improve the quality and health of the food available to Cook County residents while leveraging Cook County food procurement resources to expand economic opportunities in areas of the County needing extra support.

The Cook County resolution is a significant step forward in pushing local government's food procurement contracts to benefit the residents, communities and enterprises who can gain the most and who have not had access to these resources in the past. The resolution does this through prioritizing incentives, support and preference for:

- Businesses hiring in low-to-moderate income communities and persons with prior arrests and/or prison records;
- Access and control over County-owned land for minority-owned/controlled social enterprises and land trusts for farming; and,
- Farms growing organically and using bio-intensive methods.

By adopting the Good Food Purchasing Program, Cook County is becoming the largest municipality in the United States to do so, demonstrating its national leadership. We congratulate Cook County on taking this important step building on years of work to improve the health and wellness of Chicago's residents.

Rodger Cooley, Executive Director

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Witness Name:	Anton Seals
Organization (if any):	Grow Greater Englewood
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60621

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I will be speaking.

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Witness Name:	Jose Oliva
Organization (if any):	Food Chain Workers Alliance
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60659

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Good morning Commissioners,

My name is Jose Oliva, I am the co-director of the Food Chain Workers Alliance a national coalition that represents 350,000 workers in our food system. The Food Chain Workers Alliance is the principal advocate at a national level for the expansion of the Good Food Purchasing Program. Today I am here to encourage your support for Resolution #18-1650, to adopt the Good Food Purchasing Policy for Cook County.

The resolution would be a major accomplishment for your constituents and for the county at large. We first passed the Good Food Purchasing Program in Los Angeles back in 2012 and since then we have achieved a lot there, I know that similar, if not better outcomes are in store for us here in Cook County.

Some of the most notable accomplishments in Los Angeles include:

Redirected \$12 million toward local growers within the first year of adopting the Good Food Purchasing Program
Created 165 new well-paying jobs in the supply chain in LA County
Shifted \$70 million in 5 year contracts to serve 100% of its chicken produced without routine antibiotics
Healthier food for kids, including lower-sodium bread products made without high fructose corn syrup
Provided a market for sustainable products with over 45 million annual servings of bread made with sustainable, California-grown wheat served across 115 schools

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