

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Samantha Salmon. I am here on behalf of the Good Food Economy Working Group of the LA Food Policy Council and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation. Over the last 10 years, Los Angeles neighborhoods have undergone unprecedented change. Expanding public transit options and the increased interest in urban life have transformed neighborhoods that once had limited desirability into attractive places to live and work. This has meant an escalation of rents resulting in the displacement of many residents and business owners in low-income communities across Los Angeles. Through this policy LISC LA and the LA Food Policy Council's Good Food Economy Working Group is supporting small and culturally relevant businesses in our Low and Middle Income communities. Almost 126,000 people are employed in the food preparation and serving related occupations in LA County. Support of this policy will not only help the business owners succeed, grow and provide healthy options to the community that need it most, but also have a cascading effect supporting the nearly 126,000 jobs in the County.