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## APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE FOOD SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, the City Council previously authorized the establishment of the Food Sustainability Advisory Committee (FSAC) to advise the City Manager and City Council on policies, ordinances, programs, and initiatives that promote food sustainability, including access, production, rescue, and waste reduction, in alignment with ADAPT DSM and other City plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the FSAC replaces the former Food Security Task Force and expands the City's focus to include a comprehensive approach to local food systems that incorporates health, equity, climate resilience, and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the FSAC is composed of approximately 7-11 members serving two-year terms, representing the full range of the food system as defined in the Committee's bylaws, including experience in nutrition, agriculture, food rescue, retail, health, and human services; and

**WHEREAS**, staff from the Office of Economic Development will serve as staff liaison to the Committee, and future appointments and vacancies will be administered by the City Manager's Office in accordance with the FSAC Bylaws; and

**WHEREAS**, the following individuals have been identified for appointment as the inaugural members of the Food Sustainability Advisory Committee, bringing diverse professional experience and perspectives essential to advancing the City's food sustainability goals:

- **Hailey Boudreau** – Community Health Consultant, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (*previously served on the Food Security Task Force*).
- **Katie Das** – State Coordinator, Sustainable Iowa Land Trust (SILT).
- **Paul Gibbins** – Regional Director, ISU Extension and Outreach.
- **Amy Joens** – Community Garden Specialist, Lutheran Services in Iowa (Global Greens).
- **Sheila Knoploh-Odole** – Attorney and Sustainability Consultant, Knoploh Law & Consulting (*served on both prior Food Security Task Force iterations*).
- **Alejandro “Ale” Murguia-Ortiz** – Food Rescue Logistics Manager, Eat Greater Des Moines (*served on the Food Security Task Force*).
- **Adam Shriver** – Director of Wellness and Nutrition, Harkin Institute for Public Policy.
- **Vannessa Silva** – Produce Manager, Gateway Market (*served on the second Food Security Task Force*).
- **Kathy Underhill** – Chief Executive Officer, Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC).



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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the above-listed individuals are hereby appointed to serve as the inaugural members of the Food Sustainability Advisory Committee for two-year terms, effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that future appointments, reappointments, and vacancies shall be administered by the City Manager's Office in accordance with the Committee's bylaws and City policy.

MOVED by

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(Council Communication No. 25-440)

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.

Gary D. Goudelock Jr.

Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

*Connie Boesen*

Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City, hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

*Laura Baumgartner*

City Clerk