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1 [Supporting the Establishment of an Urban Agriculture Program]

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3 **Resolution acknowledging receipt of the Office of the City Administrator's**
4 **recommendations regarding the establishment of an Urban Agriculture Program;**
5 **supporting the Recreation and Park Department as the location for the new Urban**
6 **Agriculture Program to coordinate the City's urban agriculture activities; and setting**
7 **reporting goals related to Urban Agriculture.**

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9 WHEREAS, Urban Agriculture provides multiple benefits to San Franciscans including
10 connecting City residents to the broader food system, providing green space and recreation,
11 saving public agencies money, providing ecological benefits and green infrastructure, building
12 community, and offering food access, public health, and economic development potential; and

13 WHEREAS, At least seven City agencies currently provide funding for urban agriculture
14 activities, and there has been no formal coordination among all of these agencies; and

15 WHEREAS, The intent of Ordinance No. 162-12 is to help bring to scale urban
16 agriculture activities across the City by recognizing and maintaining the leadership of each
17 agency in supporting the many established and new urban agriculture initiatives, while at the
18 same time fostering enhanced inter-agency collaboration and providing more centrally
19 coordinated institutional support to the urban agriculture community; and

20 WHEREAS, Ordinance 162-12, passed by the Board of Supervisors on July 17, 2012,
21 amended the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Chapter 53, Sections 53.1
22 through 53.4 to establish an Urban Agriculture Program to oversee and coordinate all of the
23 City's Urban Agriculture activities and adopt goals for the City related to Urban Agriculture;
24 and
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1 WHEREAS, Ordinance 162-12 directed the Office of the City Administrator to take the
2 lead in developing an Urban Agriculture strategic planning process during the second half of
3 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, During its consideration of FY 2012-13 budget, the Board of Supervisors
5 voted to provide the Office of the City Administrator with \$120,000 for the purpose of
6 implementing Ordinance 162-12, and that money has not yet been spent in FY 2012-13; and

7 WHEREAS, The Office of the City Administrator convened meetings of a working group
8 comprised of representatives from several City departments and well as interested public
9 stakeholders, hosted three community town halls, and conducted more than 25 individual
10 interviews, and the Mayor's Budget Office performed an in-depth survey of sources and uses
11 of funds for urban agriculture purposes in all City departments; and

12 WHEREAS, On April 19, 2013, the City Administrator submitted recommendations to
13 the Board of Supervisors regarding the implementation of the Urban Agriculture Program,
14 which included: (1) The Recreation and Park Department, San Francisco Public Utilities
15 Commission, Department of Public Health and Department of Environment should continue
16 their leadership roles on urban agriculture; (2) The Recreation and Park Department should
17 be the lead agency for the Urban Agriculture Program; and (3) San Francisco's public
18 spending on Urban Agriculture is significant, and should be used to leverage new private
19 investment; and

20 WHEREAS, The Office of the City Administrator, Supervisor David Chiu and the
21 Recreation and Park Department co-hosted an open house for the public on May 15, 2013 to
22 present and discuss the Office of the City Administrator's recommendations; and

23 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department met with numerous community
24 groups to solicit feedback on the recommendations, including the San Francisco Urban
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1 Agriculture Alliance, the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee, and the
2 SPUR Food Policy Committee, and has plans to continue its stakeholder outreach; and

3 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors acknowledges the role of community groups in
4 promoting and utilizing Urban Agriculture and encourages future engagement between the
5 City and the community; and

6 WHEREAS, Ordinance 162-12 requires that the Board of Supervisors pass a resolution
7 approving of the Office of the City Administrator's recommendations; and

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby fully supports
9 recommendations 1 and 2 in the City Administrator's Urban Agriculture memorandum of April
10 19, 2013 as outlined above, and it agrees with recommendation 3, that existing public funding
11 should be used to leverage new private funding for urban agriculture, but also hereby
12 emphasizes the importance of a continued role for public funding of urban agriculture within
13 the City; now, therefore, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby approves of the plan to
15 dedicate one full-time staff person to the coordination of the Urban Agriculture Program, which
16 accords with the original intent expressed in Ordinance 162-12, and the Board of Supervisors
17 requests that the unspent \$120,000 in the FY 2012-13 budget be transferred from the Office
18 of the City Administrator to the Recreation and Park Department to fund this position for the
19 first year; and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Recreation
21 and Park Department submit to the Board of Supervisors and make available to the public,
22 within six weeks of hiring the new full-time staff person (a) a first year work plan for the new
23 Urban Agriculture Program coordinator with measurable goals, timelines, and evaluation
24 metrics, and (b) an organizational chart or description detailing the reporting structure for the
25 new position, including how the Urban Agriculture Program will interact within the Recreation

1 and Park Department, alongside the Community Gardens Program, and with other agencies;
2 and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Recreation
4 and Park Department, in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance 162-12, shall submit
5 the first urban agriculture annual report to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors no later
6 than January 1, 2014; the report should include (a) a summary of key urban agriculture
7 achievements, challenges, and indicators from the previous year, including an official
8 accounting of all City funding for Urban Agriculture and an inventory of local resources and
9 programs relevant to Urban Agriculture in San Francisco, and (b) data on the progress the
10 City made in the prior year towards meeting each of the Urban Agriculture Program goals.
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Edwin M. Lee, Mayor
Naomi M. Kelly, City Administrator

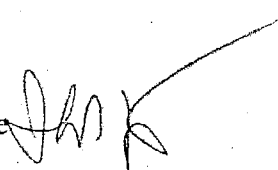


John Updike
Director of Real Estate

MEMORANDUM

June 28, 2013

TO: Alisa Miller
Assistant Clerk
City Hall, Room 244

FROM: John Updike
Director of Real Estate 

SUBJECT: BOS File No. 130656 – Urban Agriculture Program

Real Estate is in support of the recommendations contained in the proposed legislation in File No. 130656. We look forward to working with our colleagues at Rec-Park, where and when appropriate, to further the goals of this worthy program.



OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR



Edwin M. Lee, Mayor
Naomi M. Kelly, City Administrator

To: The Honorable David Chiu, President, Board of Supervisors
From: Naomi M. Kelly, City Administrator
Re: Urban Agriculture Recommendation

Date: April 19, 2013

CC: Mayor Edwin M. Lee
Members, Board of Supervisors
Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Recreation and Park Department
Interested Parties

Pursuant to Ordinance 162-12 the City Administrator convened community stakeholders and departmental representatives to engage in a strategic planning process for urban agriculture. The effort was designed to provide baseline data, as defined, on urban agriculture activities. The strategic plan is attached.

It is clear that San Franciscans and their City government support urban agriculture. The City spends \$4.4 million on urban agriculture in the current year and we project City spending of \$3.6 million next year. Thousands of San Franciscans are involved in local urban gardens on public and private land throughout our City.

My office convened four working group meetings and three community town halls attended by departmental representatives and community members. We conducted more than 30 one on one interviews with key public stakeholders. This effort has produced original research which will be shared with the City agency that takes responsibility for this program.

My recommendation is as follows:

- 1. The Recreation and Park Department, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Department of Public Health and Department of the Environment should continue their leadership roles on urban agriculture.** Due to the unique constraints of the Charter and state law, it is impractical to establish an Urban Agriculture Program in one department with complete jurisdiction over all aspects of the urban agriculture area.

The Recreation and Park Department has unique jurisdiction over its lands, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission controls the water, wastewater and power enterprises and use of ratepayer funds, and the Agriculture Commissioner in the Health Department has state mandated authority. Therefore, it is advisable that these departments, along with the Department of the Environment,

maintain their existing leadership roles in implementing urban agriculture programs and projects. Their existing programs, budgets and positions should remain at their respective departments.

2. The Recreation and Park Department should be the lead agency for the Urban Agriculture Program.

Notwithstanding the limitations outlined above, the Recreation and Park Department is the most logical place to house an Urban Agriculture program that convenes multiple departments. My basis for this recommendation is as follows:

- (a) The Recreation and Park Department has Charter authority over its lands, meaning it can easily implement new and existing urban agriculture efforts.
- (b) The Recreation and Park Department has properties throughout all of San Francisco, assuring geographic equity in the program.
- (c) The Open Space Fund provides an ongoing, dedicated source of funding for the program.
- (d) Through its partnership with the San Francisco Parks Alliance, the Recreation and Park Department has experience working with community partners in the urban agriculture space.
- (e) Senior level management, up to and including the General Manager, express support for the program.

3. San Francisco's public spending on Urban Agriculture is significant, and should be used to leverage new private investment. Many City grant programs match public funds with private investment. Kaiser Permanente and other corporate funders have made community gardens a focus of their charitable giving. The San Francisco Foundation will also be making a new investment in this area. Given our existing public budget limitations and the robust funding urban agriculture currently enjoys, it is worth increasing private support for these programs.

I have appreciated the opportunity to work on this matter. My understanding is that the Recreation and Park Department will take the lead at the Board of Supervisors on presenting the proposal outlined in recommendation two. If you require further information, please contact Deputy City Administrator Linda Yeung or Bill Barnes, Project Manager, in the City Administrator's Office.



Edwin M. Lee, Mayor
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

DATE: April 9, 2013
TO: Naomi M. Kelly
City Administrator
FROM: Phil Ginsburg, General Manager
THROUGH: Dawn Kamalanathan, Capital Program Manager
CC: Sarah Ballard, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
RE: Urban Agriculture Program Administration

The Recreation and Park Department (RPD) proposes that the newly created Urban Agriculture Program, per San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 53.1 through 53.4, be administered by the Recreation and Park Department as outlined below.

RPD was actively involved in the interdepartmental working group that crafted a preliminary strategic plan for meeting the goals of the Urban Agriculture ordinance. RPD has also run a Community Gardens Program for over twenty years, and currently manages 25 community garden sites, 9 DPW sites and 1 PUC site. The following areas of expertise that extend beyond the Community Gardens Program make RPD a strong candidate for accomplishing the work of the new citywide Urban Agriculture Program:

- Fundraising
- Close, productive working relationships with other city departments
- Successful volunteer recruitment and management
- Inclusive, comprehensive community processes
- Established “partnerships pathway” for working in collaboration

The Department proposes to take the lead on advancing the Urban Agriculture Program by dedicating one full time FTE staff member to the administration and advancement of San Francisco’s Urban Agriculture Program. This dedicated staff person will work closely with RPD’s Community Gardens Program Manager (25% FTE for 1 staff member (5261 classification)), who is funded through existing Open Space funding for RPD Community Gardens Program and who has been actively involved with the interdepartmental urban agriculture strategic planning working group.

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The Urban Agriculture Program Coordinator, housed within RPD, will perform the following tasks:

1. Work in close coordination with an interdepartmental staff working group comprised of representatives from departments that were actively involved in developing a preliminary strategic plan (such as RPD, SF Environment, DPW, PUC, Planning, Real Estate);
2. Work in close coordination with community stakeholder groups (such as SPUR, SFUAA) and individuals;
3. Outline year 1 deliverables and refine the strategic plan to accomplish these deliverables; such as
 - A. Identifying specific new sites and resource centers or "hubs" for urban agriculture, including specific budgets for each and opportunities for communal gardening;
 - B. Refine the strategy to reduce the waiting list for San Francisco residents seeking access to a community garden plot and to optimize plot use;
 - C. Expand the Department's recently improved Community Gardens Program website pages to be even more of a citywide resource;
4. Provide technical assistance to community gardening and urban agriculture organizations;
5. Develop and distribute materials and resources for urban agriculture;
6. Evaluate, at the close of year 1, whether more resources are needed, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

FY 2013 Budget (for one-time Addback from Supervisor David Chiu):

100% FTE for 1 staff member (3374 classification) for 1 full calendar year	\$ 104,000
5% FTE for 1 RPD staff member (5261) to support work of 3374 Urban Agriculture Program Coordinator	+ \$ 16,000
Identified Urban Agriculture Program Funding through Addback	\$ 120,000

Urban Agriculture Strategic Plan

Office of the City Administrator

Background: On July 10, 2012, the Board of Supervisors passed legislation on Urban Agriculture, which designated that the Mayor's Office and/or the Office of the City Administrator should produce several items related to Urban Agriculture.

Recommendation: After careful review, the Office of the City Administrator recommends that the City move the Urban Agriculture program formally to the Recreation and Park Department (RPD). RPD will employ one full time FTE that will spend 100% of their time on Urban Agriculture. This person will coordinate closely with the other staff working on Urban Agriculture in the City, (most notably 50% of an FTE at the Department of Environment and 25% of an FTE at the Public Utilities Commission), and they will serve as one point of contact for the public on Urban Agriculture and as "Urban Agriculture experts". The Recreation and Park Department will use all of the information gathered by the Office of the City Administrator over the last several months to inform their "work plan" on Urban Agriculture over the next year.

Appendices: Attached to this document are several items that were requested as part of the strategic plan:

- **Appendix A:** List of All Urban Agriculture Programs
- **Appendix B:** Count of all Active Sites and their Coordinators
- **Appendix C:** Accounting of all City Funding and Resources (and full-time equivalent positions spending more than 10% of their time on Urban Ag).
- **Appendix D:** Audit of Rooftops of City Owned Buildings potentially suitable for Urban Agriculture
- **Appendix E:** Waiting Lists for Community Gardens – what do other localities do?
- **Appendix F:** Urban Agriculture Needs Assessment
- **Appendix G:** Department Specific Urban Agriculture Programs
- **Appendix H:** Streamlined Application Process

The Office of the City Administrator would like to formally thank everyone involved in this strategic planning process over the last several months.

Program Name	Program Name	Contact Name
18 Reasons	www.18reasons.org	Rosie Branson Gill, Director
Agriculture Program of the SF Department of Public	www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/Agriculture	
Alemany Farm	www.alemanyfarm.org	Emme Levine
Aunt Em's Urban Inn and Farm	www.emsim.com/index.html	Kirsten Schwind, Co-founder
Bay Localize	www.baylocalize.org/	Steven Brown, Chair of
CCSF's Environmental Horticulture Classes	www.ccsf.edu/Departments/Environmental_Horticulture_and_Floristry/	
City Grazing	www.citygrazing.com	Gia Nicole Grant - Executive
Clean City Coalition	www.sfcleanity.com	Nora Brenton - Programs
Community Grows	www.communitygrows.org	
Design Ecology	www.designecology.com/	Heather Knappe
Eating Dirt	www.eatingdirt.typepad.com/	Sam Hartman
Ecology Center of San Francisco (ECOSF)	www.eco-sf.org/	Arden Bucklin-Sporer
Education Outside (Formerly Green Schoolyard Alliance)	www.educationoutside.org/	Jonathan Silverman
Feel The Earth	www.feeltheearth.org	
Feeling Good Project	www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/oprograms/MCH/FeelingGood.asp	
Food Runners	www.foodrunners.org	Nancy Hahn
Forage SF: Forage SF's community Kitchen	www.foragesf.com	Iso Rabins
Free Farm Stand	www.freefarmstand.org	Tree Rubenstein
From the Ground Up	www.fromthegroundupmovie.com/	Kristi Adams
Future Action Reclamation Mob (FARM)	www.thinkdiscussact.org/farm/index.html	Robyn Waxman
Garden for the Environment	www.gardenfortheenvironment.org/	Blair Randall
Slide's roof garden/Graze the Roof	www.grazetheroof.blogspot.comhttp://guide.org/garden	Ari Neulight
Global Exchange	www.globalexchange.org/	
Good Eggs	www.goodeggs.com	Greta Caruso
Green Earth Gardeners	www.greenearthgardeners.com/	Jeremy Madsen
Greenbelt Alliance	www.greenbelt.org/	Kasey Asberry
Green LLC (Green Tenderloin Coalition)		Ellen Burke
GrowCity	www.grow-city.org/	Tim West
Grubly	www.gogrubby.com/chefs/	Jay Rosenberg
Hayes Valley Farm	www.hayesvalleyfarm.com/index.html	Laura Critchfield
Hearthbeets	www.hearthbeets.org	
Her Majesty's Secret Beekeeper	www.hmsbeekeeper.com/	
How to Homestead	www.howtohomestead.org/	
Hunters Point Family - Girls 2000	www.hunterspointfamily.org/girls.html	D'akai Tayler
Itty Bitty Farm in the City	www.ittybittyfarminthecity.blogspot.com/	Heidi Kooy
Just One Tree	www.justonetree.org/	Isabel Wade
La Cocina	www.lacocinaast.org	Caleb Zigas
Little City Gardens	www.littlecitygardens.com	
Locavores	www.locavores.com/home.php	Jessica Prentice
Master Gardeners	www.smsf-mastergardeners.ucanr.org/	
Mission Community Market	www.missioncommunitymarket.org/	Jeremy Shaw
Mission Pie	www.missionpie.com	Krystin Rubin
Neighborhood Fruit	www.neighborhoodfruit.com	Kaytea Petro

Nextcourse	www.nextcourse.org	Susie White
Om Organics	www.omorganics.org	
People Organized to Win Employment Rights	www.peopleorganized.org	Mishwa Lee (POWER)
Pesticide Watch	www.pesticidewatch.org	Dana Petls
Produce to the People	www.producetothepeople.org	Lauren Anderson
Quesada Gardens Initiative	www.quesadagardens.org	Jeffrey Betcher
Rainbow Grocery	www.rainbow.coop	
Reology	www.reology.com	Bob Besso
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	www.svdv-sf.org	
San Francisco Bee-Cause	www.sfbecause.org	Karen Peteros
San Francisco Beekeepers Association	www.sfbec.org	
San Francisco Food Bank	www.sffoodbank.org	Paul Ash
San Francisco Food Security Task Force	www.sfdph.org/dph/files/mtgsGrps/default.asp#foodsecurity	Paula Jones
San Francisco Housing Development Corp	www.sfhdc.org/index.php/what_we_do/community_development	Diane Bryan
San Francisco Landscapes	www.sflandscapes.com/	Casey Allen
San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market	www.sfproduce.org/	Michael Janis
SEFA: Southeast Food Access	www.sfgov3.org/index.aspx?page=1183	Tracey Patterson
SF GRO	www.sfgro.org/index.php	
SF Permaculture Guild	www.permaculture-sf.org/	David Cody
SFE's Urban Orchards program	www.sfenvironment.org/article/urban-forestry-urban-agriculture-climate-	Mei Ling Hui
Shape Up Bayview	www.shapeupsf.org/HZ	Cheryl Davis
Slide Ranch	www.slideranch.org	Marika Bergsund
Slow Food San Francisco	www.slowfoodsanfrancisco.com	John Casazza
Genderloin People's Garden	www.tndc.org/our-services/community-garden	Ryan Thayer
The Center for Urban Education about Sustainable	www.cuesa.org	Julie Cummins
The Free Farm	www.thefreefarm.org	Tree Rubenstein
The Garden Project	www.gardenproject.org	Melinda Stone and David Silver
The Seed Library	www.sseedlibrary.org/	
TNDC	www.tndc.org	Ryan Thayer
Transition SF	www.transitionsf.org/	
Urban Share	www.welcomeministry.org/garden/	
Urban Sprouts	www.urbansprouts.org	Angela Moskow, Director
US Freen Building Council - Northern California Chapter	www.usgbc-ncc.org	
USF's Urban Ag minor (lead by Melinda Stone and	www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/urag/minor/	Melinda Stone
Virtually Green - SCOFI	http://virtuallygreen.com/scufis/scufi-program/	James Kalin

Name of Garden	Location of Garden	Managed By
Adam Rogers Park	1220 Oakdale at Ingalls	RPD
Albino Mini Park & Community Garden	20th & Capp	RPD
Arkansas "Friendship" Community Garden	22nd & Arkansas	RPD
Arlington Garden	Arlington btw. Highland and Richland	RPD
Bernal Heights	Bernal Heights Blvd. between Gates/Banks	RPD
Bridgeview Garden	Newhall at Bridgeview	RPD
Brooks Park	Shields & Ramsell	Quesada Garden Initiative
Candlestick Point Garden	Carroll & Fitch	RPD
Connecticut Friendship Gardens	22nd & Connecticut	N/A
Corona Heights	Between States St. and Museum Way, next to the States Street Playground	RPD
Corwin Street	Corwin and Douglass	RPD
Craggs Court Community Garden	Craggs Court & Berkeley Way	RPD
Crocker Amazon	Moscow & Geneva	RPD
Dearborn Community Garden	Dearborn & Bird, (off of 18th b/w Valencia & Guerrero)	Street Parks Program
Dug Patch/Miller Memorial Grove or Brewster Street Community Garden	Franconia & Massasoit or Brewster/Rutledge	RPD
Fort Mason Community Garden	Bay & Franklin (near Youth Hostel)	Fort Mason Community Garden
Fort Scott Community Garden	End of Wisser Court, near Upton/Kobbe intersection	Presidio Trust
Good Prospect Garden	Cortland & Prospect	RPD
Hooker Alley	Mason, b/w Bush & Pine	RPD
Howard Langton Community Garden/Langton Mini Park	Howard St. & Langton Alley btw 7th and 8th	RPD
8th Power Community Garden & Park	45 Hoff btw. 16th & 17th; 45 Hoff Street	RPD
Koshland Park & Community Garden	Page & Buchanan	RPD
Grande Mini Park & Community Garden	End of Dublin St., near Russia, in park	RPD
Lessing & Sears Mini Park & Community Garden	Lessing & Sears	RPD
Little Red Hen Garden	350 Amber Drive	Friends of Glen Canyon Park
McLaren Park Community Garden	Leland & Hahn	RPD
Michelangelo Playground & Community Garden	Greenwich btw. Leavenworth & Jones	RPD
Minnie and Lovie Ward Rec Center Garden	650 Capitol Ave	RPD
Noe Beaver	Noe & Beaver	RPD
Ogden Terrace Community Garden	Ogden & Prentiss	RPD
Page and Laguna Mini Park (aka Rose/Page Mini Park)	Page & Rose btw Laguna & Octavia	RPD
Page Street Community Garden	438 Page St. (btw. Buchanan and Webster)	RPD
Park St Garden	San Jose Walkway btw. Park & Richland	RPD
Parkue Ninos Unidos/Treat Commons	23rd & Treat	RPD
Portola Street Community Garden (in the Presidio)	Intersection of Portola St and Rodriguez St, next to Building 760	Presidio Trust
Potrero del Sol Park & Community Garden	Potrero & Cesar Chavez (eastside)	RPD
Potrero Hill Community Garden	20th & San Bruno	RPD
South Baker Beach Community Garden (in the Presidio)	Brooks Rd off Lincoln Blvd	Presidio Trust
Victoria Manalo Draves	Cleveland & Sherman (Folsom & 7th)	RPD
Visitation Valley Greenway	Arleta btw. Rutland & Alpha	RPD

Name of Garden	Location of Garden	Managed By
West Washington Community Garden (in the Presidio)	Compton Road, across from Building 1417	Presidio Trust
White Crane Springs Garden	End of Locksley Ave. near 7th & Lawton	RPD
Wolfe Lane	Rutledge and Mullen, on hillside	RPD
22nd & Kansas	22nd & Kansas	Street Parks Program
Alemany Farm / St. Mary's Urban Youth Farm	700 Alemany Blvd (In St. Mary's Park, next to housing authority)	RPD
Anza Vista & O'Farrell	Anza & O'Farrell	Street Parks Program
Carver Garden	Mayflower St & Carver	Street Parks Program
Danvers / Market / Merritt Triangle	Danvers & Market	Street Parks Program
Double Rock Community Garden, Alice Griffith Farm	Griffith & Fitzgerald	Street Parks Program
Eco SF's School Farm at Ruth Asawa School of the Arts	555 Portola Drive	N/A
FARM - Hooper Street & 8th	On Hooper St near 8th, Next to California College of Art	Education Outside and Eco SF
Garden for the Environment	7th & Lawton	Street Parks Program
Gates Street Wildlife Garden	Gates at Powhattan	Garden for the Environment
Goettingen Steps	Goettingen at Dwight	Street Parks Program
Hayes Valley Farm - Parcel O	Laguna btw Fell & Oak	Street Parks Program
Hayes Valley Farm - Parcel P	Laguna btw Fell & Oak	Hayes Valley Farm
Hayward Rec Center Garden	Golden Gate and Laguna	Hayes Valley Farm
Hidden Garden Steps	16th Ave between Kirkham and Lawton	CommunityGrows
Hopkins Walkway / 899 Corbett	Corbett & Hopkins	Street Parks Program
Innes Community Garden	Mendell & Innes	Street Parks Program
La Playa	La Playa, between Judah & Kirkham St	Street Parks Program
Los Palomos Garden	Foerster & Los Palomos Drive	Street Parks Program
Mayflower & Bradford	Mayflower & Bradford	Street Parks Program
Mayflower Garden	100 Mayflower at 50 Bradford, Bernal Heights	Street Parks Program
Melrose at Detroit	Melrose at Detroit	Street Parks Program
Noe Valley/Sally Bruan Branch Library	451 Jersey Street	Street Parks Program
Ord Street Retaining Wall	Ord & 18th Street	SPPL
Pennsylvania Garden	Pennsylvania Ave between 18th & Mariposa	Street Parks Program
Please Touch Community Garden	165 Grove Street	Street Parks Program
Progress Park	Indiana Street, between 25th & 23rd, 280 on ramp	Street Parks Program
Quesada Gardens	3rd and Quesada	Lighthouse for the Blind
Rincon Hill Dog Park	Beale & Bryant Street	Street Parks Program
San Francisco General Hospital	1001 Potrero Avenue	Quesada Garden Initiative
Sanchez & Liberty	Liberty @ Sanchez	Street Parks Program
Saturn Street Park	Saturn Street & Lower Terrace	Joan Varney
Saturn Street Stairs	Saturn Street & Stairway	Street Parks Program
Tara / Geneva Garden	Deadend of Tara, adjacent to 280	Street Parks Program
Urban Horticulture Program at SF State, Mobile Garden and Native Plant Nursery	1600 Holloway Ave, mobile garden	Street Parks Program
Vista Pointe Garden	Carver & Bradford	Sustainability Office in the Physical
Waller Steps	Waller, between Broderick & Buena	Street Parks Program
		Street Parks Program

Name of Garden	Location of Garden	Managed By
Laguna Honda Hospital Therapeutic Farm & Gardens Project	375 Laguna Honda Blvd	SFDPH
Clipper Garden (aka Paige Bros. Clipper Garden)	Clipper Street & Grandview Avenue	RPD
Growing Home Community Garden	250 Octavia Blvd. (Between Lily & Oak)	DPW
MacArthur Community Garden (in the Presidio)	MacArthur Ave, near Building 857/859	Presidio Trust
Total: 84 Gardens Existing on Public Land with No Sign Up Restrictions		

CCSF Urban Agriculture Budget - FY11-12 through FY13-14							
Dept/ Agency	Program	Fund	One- time?	FY11-12 Funding	FY12-13 Funding	FY 13-14 Funding	Notes
ADM	Real Estate - 1 South Van Ness - rooftop garden	2SRPFSRZ		\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	One 0922 Manager I and one 7334 Stationary Engineer each spending 5% of their time. Funds gardening services for a rooftop garden on top of 1 South Van Ness office building.
ADM	Real Estate - McAllister/Larkin garden	2SRPFSRZ	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	Permits for vertical garden addition.
ADM	Real Estate - Octavia parcel gardens	2SRPFSRZ		\$ 4,708	\$ 4,708	\$ 4,708	Staff time on licenses and permits - for Hayes Valley Farm, and DPH/DPW Homeless outreach garden projects.
CPC	Urban Agriculture	1GAGFAAA		\$ -	\$ 1,711	\$ 1,711	One 5293 Planner spending 1% of their staff time on Urban Agriculture each year.
DPH	Community Based Health Services - Growing Home Community Garden	1GAGFAAA	X	\$ 108,608	\$ -	\$ -	Contracting funds to Walden House, Study Center. Project implementation and evaluation funds. Funds for supplies, food, incentives and etc.)
DPH	Environmental Health - Agriculture Program	1GAGFAAA		\$ 3,511	\$ 3,511	\$ 3,511	Agriculture Commissioner - (time is estimated at 4 hours per month) responding to public inquiries regarding bees, labeling requirements for selling urban agriculture products to businesses.
DPH	Environmental Health - Agriculture Program	1GAGFAAA		\$ 1,064	\$ 1,064	\$ 1,064	One 3450 Agriculture Inspector (time is estimated at 2 hours per month)- respond to public inquiries, certification of producers.
DPH	Environmental Health - Food System	1GAGFAAA		\$ 1,588	\$ 1,588	\$ 1,588	One 2820 Senior Health Planner (time is estimated at 2 hours per month)- staff time to attend urban agriculture meetings.
DPH	Environmental Health - Regulatory Food Program	1GAGFAAA		\$ 2,144	\$ 2,144	\$ 2,144	0932 Manager (estimated at 2 hours per month) to certify farm stands, respond to public inquiries around selling urban agriculture products, other public health questions.
DPH	Environmental Health - Regulatory Food Program	1GAGFAAA		\$ 1,626	\$ 1,626	\$ 1,626	One 6122 Senior Environmental Health Inspector (estimated at 2 hours per month)-time to respond to public inquiries.

CCSF Urban Agriculture Budget - FY11-12 through FY13-14							
Dept/ Agency	Program	Fund	One- time?	FY11-12 Funding	FY12-13 Funding	FY 13-14 Funding	Notes
DPH	Environmental Health Services - Lead Testing for Gardens	2SCHSPHF	X	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	Testing for School Gardens and City owned. State Lead Poisoning Grant.
DPH	Environmental Health Services - Mirant Settlement dollars	2SCHSPHF	X	\$ 159,600	\$ -	\$ -	To be used over 3 years to support community gardens. Costs were sent over to DPW.
DPH	Laguna Honda - Orchard, Flower and Vegetable Garden	5LAAAAAA		\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500	One 3417 Gardener spending 25% of their time, and \$30K for materials and supplies.
DPH	SF General Hospital - Community Gardens	5HAAAAAA		\$ 2,416	\$ 2,416	\$ 2,416	Volunteer run, with some help from one 3417 gardener spending about 3% of their time.
DPW	Street Parks - Materials & Supplies	2SGTFTGN		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Average tool loss to tool lending library.
DPW	Street Parks - Support Staff	1GAGFAAA		\$ 16,469	\$ 16,704	\$ 16,920	One 9922 Public Service Aide spending 30% of their time dedicated to supply delivery.
DPW	Street Parks - Water Bill	2SGTFTGN		\$ 14,400	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,500	Street Park stewards pay for installation of water meters, DPW pays monthly water bill.
DPW	Street Parks - Management Staff	1GAGFAAA		\$ 22,112	\$ 23,244	\$ 23,544	One 2917 Program Support Analyst spending 20% of their time dedicated to program management.
DPW	Urban Gleaning Materials & Supplies	1GAGFAAA	X	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	Materials and supplies, including ladders, wheel barrows, bags, fruit pickers, buckets and outreach materials for the program.
DPW	Urban Gleaning program coordination	1GAGFAAA	X	\$ 18,534	\$ -	\$ -	One 9922 Public Service Aide spending 35% of their time dedicated program coordination.
DPW	Urban Gleaning program support	1GAGFAAA	X	\$ 5,608	\$ -	\$ -	One 9916 Public Service Aide spending 15% of their time on program support.
ECN	Relocation of Hayes Valley Farm	3CSIFOCT	X	\$ 21,525	\$ -	\$ -	Grant provided to San Francisco Parks Alliance to provide community outreach and planning activities required to facilitate relocation.
ENV	Bret Harte School Garden	2SAGFACP	X	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	Garden and outdoor science education program for elementary school.

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ENV	Garden for the Environment	2SPWFSWN	X	\$ 50,000	\$ 38,000	\$ -	Competitive grant for diverting organics from household waste. Gardening and Compost classes, adult education, garden management.
ENV	Southeast Food Access Workgroup	2SAGFACP	X	\$ 17,500	\$ -	\$ -	Campaign to increase access to healthy food, nutritional food.
ENV	TBD	2SPWFSWN	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,000	Competitive grant for diverting organics from household waste. TBD for gardening and composting classes.
ENV	Urban Ag	2SAGFACP 2SPWFSWN		\$ 58,567	\$ 62,565	\$ 63,960	One 5638 spending 41% of their time on Urban Agriculture programming.
ENV	Urban Orchards Program	2SENVCPR	X	\$ -	\$ 32,966	\$ 30,000	Planting fruit trees though the Local Carbon Fund.
ENV	Urban Orchards Program	2SAGFACP	X	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	Incoming grant from San Francisco Foundation.
ENV	Urban Sprouts	2SAGFACP	X	\$ 26,881	\$ -	\$ -	School garden program for middle and high schools.
ENV	Urban Sprouts*	2SAGFACP	X	\$ 51,178	\$ 34,000	\$ 16,000	Juvenile Probation Department project at Log Cabin Ranch.
PUC	Bonnie Sherk - Living Library	5CAAAAAA		\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	At each site, children and youth participate in transforming their schoolyards and neighborhoods by planting organic vegetable gardens. Students develop green-job-skills training through hands-on participation with gardening, water conservation, rainwater harvesting, leadership opportunities, service learning, and other areas. Funds from the Public Utilities Commission will be used for personnel, materials, and administrative support, to deliver this program at SFUSD schools, as well as to help maintain the learning environments that are created at the Living Library & Think Parks sites.
PUC	Crocker Amazon	5CAAAAAA	X	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	Funds for urban agriculture at Crocker Amazon demonstration project.

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PUC	Education Outside - school gardens	5WPUCOPF	X	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	Funds for the San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance to: (1) develop educational outcomes related to the PUC's water, sewer and power services and operations through the Green Schools Corps program, including green schoolyards; and (2) develop, capture, and present the experience K-5 grade San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) students will have related to the PUC's water, sewer and power services and operations.
PUC	Environmental Justice & Land Use	5WPUCOPF		\$ -	\$ 39,301	\$ 40,001	One 1824 Principal Administrative Analyst spending 25% of their time on Urban Agriculture, (implementing pilot Urban Ag programs through the department and implementing land use policies to support urban agriculture on PUC owned land).
PUC	Garden For the Environment	5CAAAAAA 5WAAAAAA 5CAAAAAA		\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000	Demonstration Garden on PUC land, providing gardening workshops, SFUSD fieldtrips, and demonstration garden areas for pollution prevention and water conservation.
PUC	Garden Project*	5CAAAAAAP 5TAAAAAAP 5WAAAAACP		\$ 1,600,000	\$ 2,318,682	\$ 2,320,000	Provides job training and support to former offenders and at-risk youth through counseling and assistance in continuing education. Garden Project Apprentices learn horticulture skills and grow vegetables that feed seniors and families in San Francisco.
PUC	Low Impact Design - College Hill Urban Ag Pilot	5CAAAAAAP	X	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	Low Impact Design - College Hill Urban Ag Pilot - educational demonstration garden pilot.
PUC	Pilot Water Efficiency for Community Gardens Grant Program	5WAAAAACP	X	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	Grant program to provide installation of dedicated irrigation water services and meters at community gardens, urban ag sites, demonstration gardens, and small scale urban market gardens in San Francisco.

CCSF Urban Agriculture Budget - FY11-12 through FY13-14							
Dept/ Agency	Program	Fund	One- time?	FY11-12 Funding	FY12-13 Funding	FY 13-14 Funding	Notes
PUC	SAGE*	5WAAAAAA		\$ 72,500	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	The Sunol Ag Park is an 18-acre farm on PUC land. The park is dedicated to promoting sustainable farming, public education and natural resources stewardship. The park's tenants are local farmers who grow food for families and market outlets in nearby communities, share infrastructure, get training in organic agricultural practices, and pay rent and water costs.
PUC	Urban Ag Pilot Program (College Hill)	5WPUCOPF	X	\$ -	\$ 99,228	\$ -	Funds for the design and planning of the PUC's College Hill Reservoir Urban Agriculture and Environmental Education Center.
PUC	Urban Ag Pilot -SE Treatment Plant at Evans & Phelps	5CAAAAAAP	X	\$ -	\$ 99,000	\$ -	Funding to support the development of an urban ag site on PUC land at Evans & Phelps.
PUC	Wastewater Utility Specialist	5CAAAAAA		\$40,167	\$ 42,380	\$ 42,380	Funds one 5602 Utility Specialist spending 25% staff time on technical review of Urban Ag pilot programs.
REC	One-time funding from add back		X	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -	Funds one 5261 for 25% of their time for 1 year - new addition as of the outcome of this process to oversee/coordinate Urban Ag
REC	One-time funding from add back		X	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	Funds materials, supplies and consultants for 1 year to help meet strategic plan goals.
REC	OS Community Garden Baseline	2SOSPCPR	X	\$ 120,000	\$ 96,000	\$ -	Funds capital improvements such as irrigation, erosion control, signage, access, etc., as needed, to RPD's community gardens.
REC	OS Community Garden Baseline**	2SOSPCPR		\$ 80,000	\$ 104,000	\$ 200,000	Funds one 5261 for 25% of their time, as well as capital improvements such as irrigation, erosion control, signage, access, etc., as needed
SHF	Garden Apprentices*	1GAGFAAA		\$ 401,073	\$ 401,073	\$ 401,073	CBO Contract with the Garden Project to facilitate job training program for ex-offender, and at-risk youth, (linked with PUC program above).
TOTAL				\$ 3,257,779	\$ 4,434,411	\$ 3,513,146	

Audit of Rooftops of City Owned Buildings potentially suitable for Urban Agriculture

Department of Real Estate – John Updike

Audit of City Owned Buildings with Rooftops potentially suitable for both commercial and non-commercial Urban Agriculture

The City and County of San Francisco owns over 1,100 buildings scattered over seven counties in Northern California. With the assistance of the City Administrator's Office, the Department of Real Estate connected with environmental consultants that provided some assistance on the best practices and approaches used to analyze building portfolios and begin to identify potential candidate locations for rooftop urban agriculture. It was made clear this will be a multi-step, painstaking process that will take many months.

With the assistance of the Capital Planning staff, the Department of Real Estate began with the database of all non-Enterprise assets owned by the City and County of San Francisco. This list excluded the following departments:

- Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA)
- Airport
- Port
- Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH)
- Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

This list produced 547 buildings. The Department reviewed this list and removed the following:

- All structures of less than 2,000 square feet;
- Structures not capable of carrying the load of a rooftop garden;
- Structures that were industrial in nature (where conflicts between heavy equipment and pedestrians would be problematic);
- Structures of high security (where access is limited, such as jails, police stations);
- Incompatible uses (fire stations, modular buildings, buildings within compounds with high security for entry).

This reduced the list of buildings to 208 buildings. The Department did not pursue SFO Airport assets, due to its location outside the County, and security restrictions. Most likely all MTA assets would be incompatible, with the possible exception of parking garage locations (further investigation to follow). The Department of Real Estate is working closely with colleagues at the PUC, who already have a robust urban agriculture program in place, to review their in-county assets. The Department also plans to work closely with Mayor's Office of Housing staff to review their inventory, recently greatly expanded as a result of the transfer of assets from the Successor Redevelopment Agency.

Real Estate worked with Port staff to review their assets, and after an extensive engineering review, found no assets capable of accepting the weight-bearing load of a green roof.

Needs/Concerns:

Next steps involve more in-depth review of the remaining 208 potential building locations (and any other potentially suitable locations of the PUC, MTA or MOH). This will include a structural analysis, security review, and rooftop visit. Visits will focus on whether railings around the perimeter of the roof exist, required exiting from the roof are code compliant for additional rooftop occupancy, type of access to the roof (stairs, ship's ladder or ceiling hatches would rule out a roof for further consideration), vertical circulation within the building and reasonability of bringing tools and volunteers through building to elevators to reach roof. We'll also review existing roof penetrations and eliminate those roofs where no reasonably proximate, flat, unobstructed surface areas are available.

Next steps: The Department of Real Estate will work with the Recreation and Park Department to continue this important process.

Waiting Lists for Community Gardens – what do other localities do?

Participating agency staff: San Francisco Recreation and Park Department – Melinda Stockman, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission – Yolanda Manzone, San Francisco Real Estate Division – John Updike, SF Environment – Mei Ling Hui and John Ribeiro-Broomhead

Analyze wait lists for residents seeking access to a community garden plot in other localities.

The Recreation and Parks Department, Real Estate Division, Public Utilities Commission, and SF Environment participated in this working group. In addition to focusing on garden waitlists, the group also focused on an inventory of all garden locations and garden related programs; additional reports have been provided for those work items.

The pod determined it was necessary to request information on coordinated garden waitlist programs in other cities to gain insight into best management practices and learn from their experiences. SF Environment led the research, requesting information from seven municipalities: Chicago, Seattle, Vancouver, New York City, Los Angeles, Austin, and Portland, OR. Data on some programs was gathered online and one city, Portland, Oregon, provided an in-depth interview on their waitlist management program.

It appears that in most municipalities, garden waitlist are managed by each garden individually. Portland reported that their cohesive garden waitlist management program was instituted last year and oversees only gardens within their Recreation and Parks Departments community garden program, which serves approximately 1,800 gardeners. Portland's program allows individuals to sign up for the waitlist at more than one location; once the individual receives a plot they are removed from all waitlists. If the individual wants to move to another plot within their garden, to a larger plot, or another garden altogether, there is a separate waitlist and protocol. Garden plots dues are based on plot size. Portland reported that they have been able to reduce garden wait times through developing a cohesive garden waitlist management program, by providing city staff to cite and remove noncompliant gardeners (as opposed to having the garden coordinator perform this duty), by providing city staff to oversee the reassignment of garden plots and collection of garden dues, and by strategically splitting some of the largest

available plots into 2 or 4 new plots. Portland's coordinated garden waitlist and oversight program requires the equivalent of one full-time staff person, with hours and assignments spread among 2-3 staff, depending on the season.

Update on San Francisco's Program:

San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) is in the process of changing the administration of waiting lists for all gardens managed as part of the RPD Community Gardens Program. RPD's Community Gardens Manager, Marvin Yee, is leading this process, which involves the consolidation of existing site-specific lists into one master list and transferring the responsibility of managing the waiting list from individual Garden Coordinators to Community Gardens Program management. Now that Melinda Stockman at RPD will also spend 50% of her time on Urban Agriculture, she will work closely with Marvin Yee to implement this change and also work towards other reforms as needed. A consolidated waiting list could allow applicants to identify more than one community garden site that they would like to join, so that whichever garden has a space available first could accommodate their interest. This could alleviate pressure on certain sites that are currently more popular and have longer waiting lists.

Needs Assessment on Urban Agriculture

Participants: The Office of the City Administrator – Amy Torregrossa and Joseph Baxter, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department – Melinda Stockmann, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission – Yolanda Manzone, Department of Public Works -- Jerad Weiner, Department of Public Health -- Paula Jones, SF Environment – Mei Ling Hui

A Needs Assessment of Community, Resident and Business Needs

The Office of the City Administrator took on the task of carrying out the needs assessment of resident, community and business needs. With such an aggressive timeline it was imperative that there were multiple ways for individuals to participate. The decision was made to create a two pillar strategy: Qualitative Interviews and Town Halls.

Methods:

1. Qualitative Interviews: Participants are those who are currently involved in Urban Agriculture. Therefore, their answers will not reflect the needs or views of those who are not yet participating in Urban Agriculture in San Francisco.

- a. One-on-one confidential interviews were conducted where a series of 15 open ended questions were asked.
- b. The questions addressed: current trends of Urban Agriculture in San Francisco, goals outlined in the ordinance, ideas for the future Urban Agriculture Program to consider among others topics.
- c. Interviewees identified themselves as community garden coordinators, practitioners, backyard gardeners or support organizations.

2. Town Halls:

- a. Ortega Branch Library November 27, 2012 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
 - b. SE Community Facility November 29, 2012 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
 - c. Veterans War Memorial December 8, 2012 from 1:00pm-3:00pm
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Summary of Findings:

Three main themes were evident throughout the 31 interviews and town halls:

1. A variety of activities take place on Urban Agriculture projects on public land in San Francisco. These different projects have different end goals.
2. There is a perception that existing community garden plots and garden projects are underutilized.
3. Prior to this process, there was a lack of communication among Urban Agriculture sectors in San Francisco.

Fifteen questions were asked 31 interviewees.

Below is a summary of the answers to three key questions asked among the varying Urban Agriculture Sectors:

Breakdown of Question 1: What do you, and or the community you represent, see as indicators of success within Urban Agriculture activities in San Francisco?

- 65% of respondents indicated that produce was not the primary output of their Urban Agriculture Project, meaning that other activities such as educational workshops, job training and community building were mentioned before food production.
- 29% of respondents mentioned a major indicator of success for projects are returning volunteers to help with workshops, harvest days or data collection.
- 52% of respondents believe that tracking the amount of food produced is not worth tracking as a metric or indicator of success.

The interviews presented a number of opportunities for the respondents to discuss the many activities that they either participate in or run in their Urban Agriculture Projects. Below in Table 1 are the activities that respondents mentioned they either participate in or are hosting on their Urban Agriculture site. Next to the activity are the benefits respondents mentioned while discussing such activities.

Table 1: Shows activities and corresponding benefits mentioned by respondents

Activity	Benefits mentioned by respondents
Animal Husbandry	Youth Development
Bee Keeping	Well Being, Ecological
Composting	Conservation
Community Engagement	Access to Food, Usable Community Space
CSA	Access to Food, Food Education
Education Workshops	Health, Environmental
Grey Water Treatment	Conservation
Growing of Produce/Flowers	Access to Food
Job Training and Job Readiness	Access to Food
Transforming Lots	Usable Community Space
School Garden Programs	Access to Food, Healthy Eating
Seed Library and Seed Saving	Conservation
Tree Planting	Exercise
Youth Training	Empowerment, Access to Food, Healthy Eating
Volunteer Programs	Education (health, environmental, job training)

Breakdown Question 2: What is your experience accessing a plot in the City of San Francisco? Particularly regarding wait lists.

- 71% of respondents emphasized the importance of addressing underutilized plots or projects throughout the city, particularly in community gardens.
- 58% of respondents mentioned the need for more Community Garden Coordinator training and/or oversight.

Breakdown of Question 3: What would consider as a successful Urban Agriculture Program?

- 90% of respondents mentioned institutional or infrastructure support of Urban Agriculture activities as an indicator of a successful Urban Agriculture Program.
- 96% of respondents mentioned needing a clear point of contact and someone within the City that can provide correct information on Urban Agriculture.

Next Steps: With the helpful information provided to the Recreation and Park Department through these interviews, the feedback provided will inform the work plan over the next year for the Department. The Recreation and Park Department will work hard to address these concerns and improve Urban Agriculture citywide by providing one point of contact and becoming Urban Agriculture experts within the City.

Department Specific Urban Agriculture Programs

Participants: Mei Ling Hui – Department of Environment, Yolanda Manzone – Public Utilities Commission. Holly Pearson – Department of Recreation and Parks, Melinda Stockman – Department of Recreation and Parks, Jerad Weiner – Department of Public Works

Outline of current City and County of San Francisco Urban Agriculture programs within each department.

Current Program / Resources

Department of Recreation & Parks – The Department of Recreation & Parks (RPD) manages community gardens under their Community Garden Program. RPD provides construction and repair of basic garden infrastructure, in addition to providing compost bins at garden sites.

Department of Environment – The Department of Environment (SFE) supports urban agriculture by connecting requests for support with existing resources and agencies. SFE has also worked with other organizations to provide compost on a limited basis at special events.

Department of Public Works – The Department of Public Works (DPW) supports urban agriculture efforts through the Street Park program. The Street Park program turns over maintenance responsibility of DPW owned land to neighborhood stewards. Many of the Street Parks have a gardening or urban agriculture component. DPW also provides tools to program participants. DPW also provides compost to residents at our Community Clean Team events citywide. DPW also runs a public tool lending library.

SF Public Utilities Commission – The Public Utilities Commission supports Urban Agriculture through a grant program that provides free installation of dedicated irrigation water services and meters at community gardens, urban agriculture sites, demonstration gardens, and small scale urban market gardens in San Francisco.

Also, basic Urban Agriculture supplies such as compost, manure, and soil amendments are available locally for low or no cost from private companies. Delivery costs and quantities can be challenging for individual gardeners. The Recreation and Park Department will become an expert on these available resources and be able to direct citizens to this information in the future.

Streamlined Application Process

Participants: Planning Department – Diana Sokolove, SF Environment – Mei Ling Hui, Recreation and Park Department – Melinda Stockmann, SPURR/SFUAA – Eli Zigas, SF Parks Alliance – Jill Brashares

Develop a streamlined application process for Urban Agriculture projects on public land, with clear evaluation guidelines that are consistent across all agencies.

Currently, people who are interested in starting a new urban agriculture project need to contact individual city departments to determine whether there are parcels available for gardening. There is not a point person dedicated to assisting applicants. This will change with the move of the program to the Recreation and Park Department – now there will be one point of contact within this department to assist the public with urban agriculture projects.

Below is a draft Urban Agriculture Project Screening Form. This form will now be circulated to for feedback. The Recreation and Park Department will take this feedback and then issue a “final” application form along with instructions and contact information for help filling out the form.

Agriculture Project Screening Form

Submit this screening form to request assistance with starting a new urban agriculture project. Complete as much of the form you can. After your application is received, we'll contact you to schedule a meeting to discuss your proposal.

Email or Fax Completed Form To: XXXXX

Today's Date: _____

Name of Person Completing Form: _____

Signature: _____

Part I - Applicant Information

Your Organization and Individual Name and Primary Mailing Address: Website:	Type of Organization (check one): ☐ Individual ☐ For-profit entity ☐ Non-profit entity ☐ Other _____
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Organization Members		
Primary Contact(s)	Phone and Email	Role
Additional Member's Names	Phone and Email	Role

Part 2 - Site Information

Provide as much information as you can. The Urban Agriculture Program can assist you with completing the form, as needed.

Property Owner Name and Address:	Site Address:
	Block/Lot Number:
	Project Square Footage (approximate okay):
Any Known Safety Concerns Onsite:	Any Information about Soil Quality:
Existing Land Use:	Adjacent Land Use:
☐ Photo Attached	☐ Photo Attached
Describe Attractive on-site features, such as level of sun exposure, size of lot, location, etc.:	
Zoning District:	Height/Bulk District:

Closest Similar Urban Agriculture Project to Site. For example, if your project is a plot-based community garden, note the closest plot-based garden to your project:

Address:

Part 3 –Project Description

Please fill in the boxes using the space below for summary answers to the questions. Attach additional pages to provide more detail as needed.

Project Description. For example, include base line project goals, proposed programming plans and project scope, plans for classes or events, proposed use of produce grown on site, any plans for bees or other animal husbandry projects, etc.:

Long-Term Objectives:

Describe how the site will be managed. Include both day-to-day and long-term oversight:

Describe proposed capital improvements and construction plans. For example, include any proposed built structures or signage, tool sheds, raised planting beds, terracing, greenhouses, gathering spaces, fruit trees, etc.:

Describe how you will engage the local community in building and starting your project:

Part 4 – Budget

If you don't yet have a budget for your project, please indicate that below.

- 1) Please attach information on your project's construction budget. Include existing and proposed funding sources. See Urban Agriculture Program website for a budget template.
- 2) Please attach information on your project's operational budget. Include existing and proposed funding sources. See Urban Agriculture Program website for a budget template.

Miller, Alisa

From: Eli Zigas [ezigas@spur.org]
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2013 12:28 PM
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Cc: Miller, Alisa
Subject: SPUR letter in support of urban agriculture resolution
Attachments: SPUR_letter_BOS_Resolution_Urban_Ag_July_5.pdf

Dear Supervisors Chiu, Kim and Wiener:

Attached is SPUR's letter in support of the urban agriculture resolution that is before the Land Use and Economic Development Committee on Monday.

Please let me know if I can get you any additional information or answer any questions about our position.

Sincerely,
--Eli

CC: Alisa Miller, Committee Clerk

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Dear Members of the Land Use and Economic Development Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the resolution introduced by Supervisor Chiu on June 18 supporting the establishment of an urban agriculture program. SPUR supports this resolution, the general recommendations made by the City Administrator, and the dedication of a full-time staff person to the new program. We encourage the Board to consider planning for a status update on the program within six to nine months of launch.

As the strategic plan notes, the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) has land, resources and staff that can support the new urban agriculture program in a way unavailable to other departments. In addition to these strengths, we are encouraged by the new energy in the Community Gardens program as well as the Department's engagement with community groups in discussing this proposal. Similarly, we are also encouraged that RPD has indicated in public meetings its understanding that the mission of this new program is to coordinate with other agencies and community groups, rather than replace them, and that the program needs to serve many types of urban agriculture beyond just plot-based community gardens.

Alongside our support of the resolution, we encourage the Board to consider holding a hearing six to nine months after the new coordinator has been hired to assess the program's progress in reaching the goals in the workplan and in the legislation. Currently, only one year of dedicated funding exists for the new program. A hearing would provide the Board with the opportunity to understand what resources are necessary to continue the program beyond the first year and also determine whether the new program has improved the city's efficiency, coordination, and accountability of its urban agriculture initiatives.

Thank you for consideration of our comments. With clear timelines and measures of accountability, we believe that this new program has the potential to greatly improve the city's support of urban agriculture.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

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John Updike, Director, Real Estate Division

FROM: Alisa Miller, Clerk, Land Use and Economic Development Committee
Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 27, 2013

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Economic Development Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Chiu on June 18, 2013:

File No. 130656

Resolution acknowledging receipt of the Office of the City Administrator's recommendations regarding the establishment of an Urban Agriculture Program; supporting the Recreation and Park Department as the location for the new Urban Agriculture Program to coordinate the City's urban agriculture activities; and setting reporting goals related to Urban Agriculture.

This matter is being forwarded to your department for informational purposes. If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Sarah Ballard, Recreation and Park Department
Juliet Ellis, Public Utilities Commission
Greg Wagner, Department of Public Health
Monica Fish, Department of the Environment

Proposed Amendment to Resolution

File No. 130656
Supervisor Chiu
Amendment
✓ ACCEPTED

WHEREAS, The intent of Ordinance 162-12 is to help bring to scale urban agriculture activities across the City by recognizing and maintaining the leadership of each agency in supporting the many established and new urban agriculture initiatives, while at the same time fostering enhanced inter-agency collaboration and providing more centrally coordinated institutional support to the urban agriculture community.

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

Time stamp
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An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.
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- ☐ 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- ☐ 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor [] inquires"
- ☐ 5. City Attorney request.
- ☐ 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- ☐ 9. Request for Closed Session (attach written motion).
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- ☐ 11. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on []

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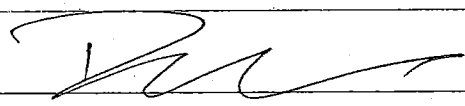
Sponsor(s):

Supervisor Chiu

Subject:

Resolution supporting the establishment of an Urban Agriculture Program

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