

Southern Nevada Food Council Action Plan 2025

Vision: Equitable access to healthy food for all Southern Nevadans

Mission: The Southern Nevada Food Council will leverage the collective resources, expertise and passion of Southern Nevadans to influence the creation of an equitable and sustainable food environment through education and policy.

Values: We support socially, economically, and ecologically sustainable food systems that promote health – the current and future health of individuals, communities, and the natural environment. A healthy, sustainable food system is:

- Health-Promoting
- Sustainable
- Resilient
- Diverse in size and scale, geography, culture, and choice
- Fair
- Economically Balanced
- Transparent

A healthy, sustainable food system emphasizes, strengthens, and makes visible the interdependent and inseparable relationships between individual sectors (from production to waste disposal) and characteristics (health-promoting, sustainable, resilient, diverse, fair, economically balanced, and transparent) of the system.

GOAL 1: DEVELOP FOOD POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOUTHERN NEVADA.		
Objective A: Identify policy and/or systems issues that can be addressed at the various jurisdictional levels of local government.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
1.A.1	Research policies and/or systems that currently exist that serve as barriers to increasing access to healthy foods in jurisdictions in southern Nevada.	On-going
1.A.2	Support policy implementation and promote awareness that increases access to healthy food	On-going
1.A.3	Post Governor's Council on Food Security Strategic Plan to website and develop goals based on these outlined priorities (posted on SNFC website)	Oct 2024 (done)
1.A.4	Gather a list of food access related policies and goals from local jurisdictions and partners in southern Nevada.	September 2024 (done)
Objective B: Engage stakeholders in exploration of issues within the food system; offer opportunities to identify stakeholder concerns, priorities, and suggestions for food policy.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
1.B.1	Connect with representative from Obodo Collective and/or UNLV Food Security Project to speak at food council meeting with a plan of how SNFC can support them	March 2025 (done)
1.B.2	Connect with representatives from tribal populations and rural populations in Nevada to speak at food council meetings with a plan of how SNFC can support them. (Mama Sponsorship)	November 2025
2025 Objective C: Form policies to advise RTC's comprehensive plan to ensure food access is reviewed in all future Southern Nevada development.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
1.C.1	Food Access Landscape Assessment: Help develop surveys, conduct focus groups, distribute surveys & engage communities to complete, analyze, and report. (evaluation metrics)	Ongoing
1.C.2	Strategic plan comparisons, historical SNFC work summary, review previous legislature {finding relevant food policies to compare}	Updated Reached

	UNR Ext and UNR School of Public Health	
1.C.3	Updating RTC grocery & food pantry maps with layers for community and school gardens, and corner stores (using NAICS, Nevada business registry, maps, and the Food Access Landscape Assessment results)	Ongoing
1.C.4	Data collected from Three Square, NDA, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, City of Henderson, Boulder City, Mesquite, and in process with Pahrump and Clark County	Updated
	RTC, City of Henderson, UNR Ext, and UNR School of Public Health	Reached
1.C.5	Assisting RTC to rank parcels of land for infill study to include food access to shape regional plan (equitably shaping new & existing neighborhood development) (through engagement steering committee oct 2024)	Done
1.C.6	Provide voice at RTC infill study meeting in the 2-year plan for food access through engagement with the southern nevada strong steering committee	On-going
	RTC will provide 9 month plan and schedule of meetings	
1.C.7	Developing fact sheets and educational resources for community and legislators on food policy needs using Voices for Healthy Kids for policy research	Ongoing
	UNR Ext and UNR School of Public Health	
1.C.8	Hold summit for food access programming to gain visibility and recruit directly from the community (forming subcommittee)	January 2026
GOAL 2:	ADVOCATE FOR FOOD POLICY THAT SUPPORTS OUR VISION FOR THE SOUTHERN NEVADA FOOD SYSTEM.	
Objective A: Promote emerging food policy issues as determined priorities through the council.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
2.A.1	Have a standing agenda item on SNFC meetings to address policy/advocacy issues & updates.	On-going
2.A.2	Research issues and policies, including those related to the emerging threats as they relate to the food system.	On-going
2.A.3	Develop advocacy plans on specific items as needed.	On-going
2.A.4	Present policy and system change recommendations to jurisdictional committees and departments as identified by the council.	On-going
2023 Objective B: Develop a support group/board and connectivity hub for community gardens to share resources, tools, tips, plan events and workshops, and share donations.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
2.B.1	Partnering with Extension Horticulture to develop a Southern Nevada Community Garden Organization	On-going
2.B.2	Develop system to decide who will be responsible for community gardens (where/when/who/how is it determined)	On-going
2.B.3	Work with residents and RTC to identify areas for community gardens and ways to promote community involvement	On-going
2.B.4	Supporting Three Square in their work to expand universal meals for CCSD students. (TBD on Legislative priorities and funding.)	Done 2024
2.B.5	Provide guidance, resources, rentals, tips, volunteer recruitment for community gardens to get set up.	On-going

2.B.6	Review other cities and how they have set this up (Ex. Philadelphia has a great example of effort to turn city's empty lots and such into green spaces/gardens)	On-going
GOAL 3:	PROMOTE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ON FOOD ISSUES.	
Objective A: Identify potential speakers and organize subject matter experts (SME) to address issues as they arise.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
3.A.1	Develop and maintain a SME listing on Council website that covers a wide range of topics and recruit members to participate.	On-going
Objective B: Organize public education activities.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
3.B.1	Create planning sub-committees for each event and hold meetings as necessary. through earn fs and the just one project	2025
Objective B: Increase communication and dissemination efforts to keep public/members informed.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
3.C.1	Use instagram page and other social media to promote SNFC and other food system events and news.	On-going
3.C.2	Maintain SNFC website and share food related community resources on website and SNFC Instagram page.	On-going
3.C.3	Connect consumers to City of Las Vegas composting training and supplies to start composting at home. (Moving forward with food for people not landfills)	Done (February 2025)
Objective D: Develop resources to make implementing the school wellness policy more accessible for school staff.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
3.D.1	Restart resource development workgroup and focusing on specific items that won't overwhelm educators and School Wellness Coordinators	Done
3.D.2	Develop a training video for educators	Done (July 2025)
3.D.3	Conduct Urban Implementation on SWP for stakeholders Rural and Urban	On-going
Objective E: Working to enhance food access for seniors.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
3.E.1	Support City of Henderson work to add more farmers markets in senior areas city of Henderson earned USDA farmers market grant with our support	Done (June 2025)
3.E.2	Supporting SNHD’s program offering free rideshare to Golden Grocery pantries and grocery stores, help with outreach	Done 2025
3.E.3	Promoting congregate eating sites with Nevada Department of Agriculture with the Healthy Food Access Map	Done (May 2025)
3.E.4	Review other cities and how they have set up successful strategies	On-going
GOAL 4:	PROMOTE COLLABORATION AMONG FOOD SYSTEM GROUPS IN SOUTHERN NEVADA.	
Objective A: Assist with facilitation of the development of collaborative projects and actions.		

Objective	Action	Timeline
4.A.1	Add as a standing agenda item time to allow members to share information on current projects and explore possible collaborations.	On-going
Objective B: Be a resource for information for food system organizations on funding for collaborative projects.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
4.B.1	Provide information on funding opportunities and encourage collaborative projects and proposals.	On-going
4.B.2	Provide monthly email updates to community and members who opt-in.	On-going
Objective C: Research and Develop Resources to advise city wide comprehensive planning.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
4.C.1	Developed metrics for food access landscape assessment	Dec 2023
4.C.2	Assist in developing hyperlocal food system for local procurement, statewide delivery, and retail options (Food Hub Grant)	On-going
Objective D: Connect with the Northern Coalition and develop the Rural Food Council to ultimately create a Nevada focused food system connecting farmers markets, other retailers, and food producers.		
Objective	Action	Timeline
4.D.1	Plan annual food policy conference	Done (July 2025)

*Indicates SNHD REACH-sponsored activities.

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