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Rochester City Council

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Memorializing Resolution of the City Council - #0021-2024

Sponsored by: **Mitch Gruber**, Councilmember At-Large

To The Honorable
Rochester City Council
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to pass the Good Food NY Bill [S.6955A/A.7264A]

Honorable Council Members:

I ask you to join us by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution urging the NYS Gov. Kathy Hochul to sign the Good Food NY Bill [S.6955A/A.7264A], permitting our municipal public institutions to consider whether bidders for public food contracts are aligned with a set of values important to our local communities, and in doing so, collectively **State and Resolve:**

WHEREAS, public institutions across the country spend billions of dollars of public money every year on food. In New York State, municipalities purchase enormous amounts of food to feed their residents through schools, hospitals, senior centers, shelters, child care centers, and carceral facilities; and

WHEREAS, the choices made on how this money is spent have major impacts on our local and regional food system; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are unable to fully leverage their purchasing power to serve the public good because of New York State procurement laws, which are among the nation's most restrictive. In most circumstances, municipalities are allowed to consider only the "lowest bidder" in making purchasing decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Good Food NY Bill would amend General Municipal Law 103 to enable municipalities to consider additional factors when determining best value (*in conjunction with price*). The bill would democratize local, institutional food purchasing decision-making and empower municipalities to invest taxpayer dollars in food purchases that support our local economies; and

Now, Therefore, be it RESOLVED that we the undersigned Members of Rochester City Council, support the full passage of the Good Food NY Bill, and call on Gov. Hochul to sign the bill, ensuring agency to consider whether bidders for public food contracts are aligned with Rochester's values.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Gruber".

Mitch Gruber

At-Large