**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Food and Nutrition Commission is to provide long-range planning and associated recommendations for policy, systems and environmental change at neighborhood, city and county levels with the aim of increasing access to healthy food.

**VISION**

Saint Paul and Ramsey County will ensure a wide variety of affordable, healthy food, contributing to the physical, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing and promoting food security, racial & environmental justice for all.

**VALUES**

All farms and businesses are encouraged to use environmentally sustainable production practices that allow consumers choices at fair prices. Small, local farms and businesses are supported.

The distribution system for this food is affordable and equitable, scaled to meet the needs of small businesses and local growers. Policies support fair labor practices, safe working conditions and justice for food chain workers.

Residents will have resources to grow, preserve, and cook healthy foods that reflect their cultural traditions, and share meals together as family and community.

Governing bodies will support zoning and land use options that prioritize appropriate land and creative spaces for urban agriculture while building relationships in community.

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