Good Food is Fair

In order to have a Good Food system in Los Angeles, we must ensure that food workers and animals are treated with fairness.

Fair food consists of food produced, manufactured, distributed, sold, and recycled with fair labor practices and humane treatment of animals. At every point in the food supply chain, workers should receive fair compensation and treatment, and be free from exploitation. Fair food honors and respects the lives of all species involved in food provision.

Food System Jobs Are Increasing in LA County

Over the past several years, the number of people working Food System jobs in LA County has increased by almost 100,000. Now, **1 in 10 workers** (adding up to over 619,000) in LA County are working in the food system.

The Number Chickens, Hens, & Pigs on Farms Have Decreased

The average number of chickens used for meat, hens used for eggs, and pigs per farm in California have decreased, yet the number of cows used for dairy per farm has continued to increase.

The Gap between Real & Living Wages is Increasing

The average hourly wage of a nonsupervisory food system worker has increased from $10.62 to $13.09 in the past seven years, yet the gap between the average hourly wage of all food workers, and all workers in LA County, is still $14.45. The gap between minimum wage and a living wage for a small family is $16.91.

Wages are slowly increasing for food system workers.

The minimum wage has continued to raise in LA City and County, even though it is stagnant nationwide.

But it is not fast enough for the increasing cost of living in LA.

The gap between the living wage for a household with 2 adults & 1 child in LA County and the minimum wage has increased to $16.91.

National nutrition supplement programs such as CalFresh (aka SNAP and previously known as Food Stamps) are based on the Federal Poverty Line. We know that living in LA is very expensive, and much higher than the national average.