



Council Member Application Information and Instructions

The Southern Nevada Food Council (SNFC) was established by Three Square Food Bank in October 2011 as a volunteer public/private partnership to bring together representation from all sectors of the local food system for networking, collaboration, and promotion of access to healthy foods. The mission of the SNFC is to 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. The SNFC will work with SNFC liaisons and the community to create and implement a *Southern Nevada Food Action Plan*.

Council Member Qualifications

Membership is entirely voluntary and comes without compensation or per diems. There are currently no term limits for SNFC members, but the Council reserves the right to create term limits in the future if it deems this decision advisable.

All applicants are required to attend at least one regular monthly meeting prior to consideration for a seat on the council, and if seated, are required to attend meetings regularly, agree to serve in the interest of the public, and to serve as an unpaid volunteer. The Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month (with some exceptions) from 2:00 to 3:30 PM at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Lifelong Learning Campus on 8050 Paradise Road.

In addition, applicants shall be engaged in conversation about the commitments of membership with one or more existing council members prior to consideration, in order for the applicant to have a complete understanding of expectations and commitment to fulfilling them.

The Council will be comprised of 10 - 12 members representing as many of the following areas of the local food system as possible:

- Food Production (2-4) i.e. grower or rancher; labor; technology; sustainability (energy, water)
- Food Processing (1-2), i.e. value added; packaging
- Food Distribution (1-2) i.e. retail; wholesale
- Consumers/Public Food Programs (2-4) i.e. food bank/pantries; restaurants; grocers; hospitals; schools; homes
- Food Waste Management (1-2) i.e. food rescue; energy; compost
- Food Related Workforce/Economic Development (1-2) i.e. educational institutions; job training; certificate programs

The Council is also interested in membership with expertise in the following areas:

- Senior services
- Nutrition
- Public health
- Urban agriculture

- Emergency food provision/system
- Planning or transportation
- Public policy/advocacy
- Grant writing

The criteria used for selecting members may include:

- Ability to commit to a one-year term, requiring regular attendance and participation in monthly council meetings, as well as out-of-meeting work, including such tasks as research, building relationships, and working with policy makers;
- Active membership on at least one project- or topic-based subcommittee of the Council that will generate and execute a work plan with specific goals;
- Ability to identify significant issues and generate policy and action items for the Council to pursue;
- Capacity to build collaborative relationships and bring resources to the effort; and Passion for improving the food system in Clark County, Nevada.

Consideration and decisions regarding new members shall be made by consensus of seated council members. The membership selection process shall strive to consider racial, socioeconomic, gender, ethnic and geographic diversity.

Liaisons to the SNFC:

The SNFC operates under the full recognition that we are part of a larger community of stakeholders in the food system. As such, we seek dialog with community liaisons representing such organizations as:

- Three Square Food Bank
- Southern Nevada Health District Community Health & Environmental Health
- Governor’s Council on Food Security
- Washoe County Food Policy Council
- Clark County School District
- Clark County Social Service Senior Services
- Southern Nevada Strong
- University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Clark County
- SNAP-Ed Local Implementing Agencies
- Nevada Department of Agriculture
- All jurisdictions within Southern Nevada, including but not limited to: Clark County, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas and City of Henderson
- And many others

Application Submission Process:

Applications may be completed electronically and be emailed buffingtona@unce.unr.edu They can also be mailed to Aurora Buffington, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, Suite 100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123.

For more information about the Southern Nevada Food Council please contact Aurora Buffington (702) 257-5534.



Membership Application

All information provided will be treated with respect and kept confidential.

Name	
E-Mail	
Telephone (W/C)	
Address	

<p>Please describe your work or volunteer experience(s) that you've had in any of the aspects of the food systems or areas of expertise indicated on pages 1-2 above. (Helpful information includes when and for how long you worked or volunteered, what organization(s) you worked with, and what your responsibilities were/are.)</p>

There are some important aspects of the council's work and functions that we want to be sure all applicants understand ahead of time. Please read each of the following and check YES to indicate that you understand how the council works and that you will be able to work within those guidelines if you are seated on the council.

Membership on the Council will require attendance at all meetings of the full Council (*plan on 12 times per year*) AND participation in at least one working group (and possibly more) that may meet more frequently AND out-of-meeting work, including email correspondence, community meetings, research, etc.

- Yes, I will be able to make this time commitment.

Council members are selected based on their skills, experience, and commitment to transforming the food system, and are asked to serve in the public interest, rather than to directly represent any organization with which they have affiliation.

- Yes, I will be able to serve in the public interest, and recuse myself from discussion topics if there is a conflict of interest.

At this time, financial and staffing resources for the Southern Nevada Food Council are limited. **The Council is a 100% volunteer organization.** The Council will be responsible for all administrative tasks, determining meeting structure, communication methods, goals and objectives, and workgroups. The University Of Nevada Cooperative Extension will provide support such as meeting space and technical assistance as requested. If seated on the Council, will you be able to serve with the proposed structure?

- Yes, I will be able to serve within this structure.

Please answer the following questions. Attach additional sheets of paper, if needed.

Why would you like to be a member of the Southern Nevada Food Council?
What is your vision for the Southern Nevada food system?
What do you see as challenges and opportunities for the development of a Southern Nevada Food Action Plan and the Southern Nevada Food Council?
Describe the contribution you could make to the Southern Nevada Food Council.
Is there anything else that the Selection Committee would find helpful to know about you?
Optional: Please tell us a brief story about you and food.

Optional: In addition to completing this application, you may also submit your resume. If you wish to do this, please email it along with your application to buffingtona@unce.unr.edu or mail both your application and resume to Aurora Buffington, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, Suite 100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123.