

## SECOND CALIFORNIA FOOD SECURITY SUMMIT

# Taking Back the Food System: Organizing for Food Justice in California



June 10-11, 2004

University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles

Hosted by the California Food and Justice Coalition &  
Community Food Security Coalition

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the Second California Community Food Security Summit. The first summit in Oakland in 2002 was highlighted by the formation of the California Food and Justice Coalition, and in the two years since, the CFJC has begun organizing to bring attention to the community food security crisis in the Golden State. While Californians have seen many victories in protecting our rights to healthy, safe and affordable food, millions continue to suffer from hunger, obesity and diabetes. Meanwhile, the number of small farms, which often grow the healthiest foods, continue to decline.

This second Summit will bring together individuals and organizations that are working to promote sustainable agriculture and environmental justice, improve public health, end hunger, and advance social justice. Together we will share our experiences from the field and organize to bring justice to California's food system.

There are connections between the hunger and obesity epidemics and the small farm crisis, and there are connections to be made in finding solutions. Come join activists, farmers, organizers and community leaders from across the state as we gather to find common ground and take back California's food system.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2004

Day one of the Summit will begin with a look at the worldwide movement for fair trade and food sovereignty, and explore the impact of local and statewide organizing on the global effort. Afternoon workshops will present the practices and programs that are creating change at the local level, explore how these can be built upon, and share the skills and tools needed to get the work done. The day will close with a celebration of local food and talent.

8:00 AM **REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

9:00 AM **WELCOME and INVOCATION**

9:30 AM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**, Anuradha Mittal, *Director, Food First*

10:45 AM **ROUND TABLE: Linking the food justice movement in California**

- Leslie Mikkelsen, *Strategic Alliance/Prevention Institute*
- Jessica Bartholow, *California Hunger Action Coalition*
- Thomas Nelson, *California Sustainable Agriculture Working Group*

12:00 **LUNCH** (included)

1:30 PM **CONCURRENT SESSION ONE**

❖ **FARM TO SCHOOL: Successes and challenges**

Marion Kalb, *CFSC, facilitator*; Tracie Thomas, *Compton Unified School District*; Judy Blue, *CAFF*; Marilyn Godfrey, *Ventura Unified School District*; Melanie Okamoto, *Berkeley Unified School District*

❖ **BREAKING THE MOLD: Creating community food security in inner cities and rural communities**

Joy Moore, *Berkeley Food Policy Council, facilitator*; David Sloane, *USC, Community Health Council*; Sandy Beale, *Tulare County Food Bank (invited)*; David Roach, *West Oakland Food Project*

❖ **GLOBAL VS. LOCAL: How does the global food system affect local food security?**

Karrie Stevens Thomas, *CAFF, facilitator*; Katy Mamen, *International Society for Ecology and Culture*; Jim Churchill, *Ventura Growers' Collaborative*; Dave Runsten, *Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy*

❖ **MEDIA ADVOCACY: A vehicle for social and political change**

Lori Dorfman, *Berkeley Media Studies Group (invited)*

❖ **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING: Tips and tools for growing the movement**

Francesca de la Rosa, *Center for Food and Justice, facilitator*; Glenda Marsh, *National Voice*

❖ **COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENTS: A strategy for environmental and policy change**

Raquel Bournhonesque, *CFSC, facilitator*; Neelam Sharma, *Community Services Unlimited Inc.*; Frank Tamborello, *LA Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness*; Phuo Moua, *Fresno Metro Ministries*

3:30 PM **CONCURRENT SESSION TWO:**

❖ **IMPROVING FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN CA: Best practices for community food security**

Frank Buck, *California Nutrition Network for Healthy, Active Families, facilitator*; Matt Sharp, *CFPA*; Penny Leff, *The Ecology Center*; Pompea Smith, *Hollywood Farmers' Market/SEE-LA*; Elizabeth Gomez, *Alameda County Community Food Bank*

❖ **FARMING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE: Activist farmers addressing hunger & improving community food security**

Jered Lawson, *CAFF, facilitator*; Judith Redmond, *Full Belly Farm*; Shyaam Shabaka, *Eco-Village Farm*; Maria-Inés Catalán, *AMO Organics*

❖ **GRASSROOTS POLICY ADVOCACY: Tools and rules for grassroots lobbying**

Thomas Forster, *CFSC, facilitator*; TBA

❖ **REPARATIONS AND LAND REFORM: It's a food justice issue!**

Neelam Sharma, *Community Services Unlimited, facilitator*; Michael Harris, *Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association*; TBA

❖ **CONNECTING THE PIECES: Big Picture Issues in Food Safety**

Stacie Clary, *CA Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, facilitator*; Tracy Lerman, *Public Citizen*; Tracey Brieger, *Californians for Pesticide Reform*; Renata Brillinger, *Californians for GE Free Agriculture*

❖ **FOOD POLICY COUNCILS: Platforms for changing your food system**

Mark Winne, *Kellogg Food and Society Policy Fellow, facilitator*; TBA

6:30 PM **DINNER AND CELEBRATION**

**"A Healthy Taste of Los Angeles"**

Hosted by: the LA Food Justice Network

Join friends and colleagues for a night of great food and joyful celebration. Dinner will feature a delicious and healthy menu prepared with local and seasonal farm products. The night will be highlighted with an address from Karen Bass, an activist from South Central Los Angeles and Democratic candidate for the 47th assembly district, and entertainment provided by Blacksmith Records.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2004

Plan to roll up your sleeves for day two. After learning about the policy issues that impact California's food system, attendees will join together to strategize action plans for implementing CFJC policy platform recommendations. This is a DON'T MISS for organizations and individuals that are building a movement for a just and sustainable food system in California.

7:30 AM **REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:30 AM **WELCOME and SETTING INTENTIONS FOR THE DAY**

- 9:00 AM **POLICY MATTERS: How policy shapes the food system**  
This opening panel of policy makers and grassroots policy experts will present on current state and national policy issues that impact food, agriculture and nutrition in California. They will present the political atmosphere in which CFJC is organizing, and explore how statewide policy change translates to change at the community level.
- 10:30 AM **REPORT FROM THE CFJC STEERING COMMITTEE**
- 11:00 AM **COALITION CAMPAIGN AND ACTION PLANNING**  
We will break out into groups that will work to develop goals and action plans around coalition campaign areas. These groups will form the Coalition's organizing committees. Participants are encouraged to join a committee that they would like to continue to work with after the summit.
- 12:30 **LUNCH** (included)
- 1:30 PM **REPORT BACK: Organizing for Food Justice in CA**
- 2:30 PM **CLOSING COMMENTS AND CALL TO ACTION**
- 2:45 PM **SUMMIT CLOSE**
- 3:30 PM **FIELD TRIP: The State of Urban Gardening in Los Angeles**  
Travel with the members of the LA Food Justice Network and LA Garden Council to community gardening and urban farming sites in Los Angeles. Tour will include visits to the LA Regional Area Food Bank Community Garden and Crenshaw High School Garden.
- 6:30 PM Return to USC

**Directions and Travel**

USC is located in Downtown Los Angeles, West of the 110 fwy. and South of the 10 fwy. Enter campus at gate #3 located at the intersection of McCarthy Way and Figueroa. Parking is \$6 per day. Registration will be in the Commons building next to the campus bookstore. The campus is 15 miles from LA International Airport (LAX). Please check [www.foodsecurity.org](http://www.foodsecurity.org) <<http://www.foodsecurity.org/>> for more detailed directions and to access the carpool message board.

**Lodging**

A limited number of double and single dormitory rooms with shared bathrooms are available at USC for the nights of June 9th and June 10th. The rooms are \$38.00 per person (double) or \$50.00 (single). Additional lodging information is also available on-line, including hotel alternatives and a room share message board. For more information and to make dorm reservations, visit [www.foodsecurity.org](http://www.foodsecurity.org) or call 310-822-5410. Dorm reservations MUST be made by MAY 19th.

**Food**

Meals will showcase vegetables and fruits grown sustainably on farms in and around Southern California. Continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments are included with full and day only registrations. Thursday's dinner is included with full summit registration, or can be purchased individually.

**Scholarships**

We have limited travel and registration scholarships available. First priority will be given to limited resource community groups, individuals working within communities of color, farmers and students. Please check our web site or call our office for an application. All scholarship requests must be received by MAY 10th.

**Habr  interpretaci3n al espa ol. Llame a Rebecca para reservarlo: (831) 786-8760.**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

You can also register on-line at: [www.foodsecurity.org](http://www.foodsecurity.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Web-site \_\_\_\_\_

Become a member of the California Food and Justice Coalition (*no membership fee*)  
 Organization  Individual

Become a member of the national Community Food Security Coalition (*\$50 new members only*)  
 Organization  Individual

**FULL REGISTRATION BEFORE MAY 27TH**

*(Thursday morning to Friday afternoon. Includes Thursday night celebration)*

- Non-profit/Activist Rate . . . . . \$115
- University/Government Rate . . . . . \$150
- Not attending Thursday dinner? subtract . . . . . - \$20

**SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION BEFORE MAY 27TH** *(Does not include Thursday night celebration)*

- Non-profit/Activist Rate . . . . . \$55 per day
- University/Government Rate . . . . . \$75 per day

You are registering for:  Thursday  Friday  
 Thursday dinner and Celebration: "A Healthy Taste of Los Angeles" . . . . . \$20

**OTHER ITEMS**


- Late fee for registrations MAILED or FAXED BEFORE MAY 27th . . . . . \$20
- Display Table (*space is limited—reserve today!*) . . . . . \$30
- Dietary Requirements:  Vegetarian  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Urban Agriculture Field Trip (*limited seating – reserve today!*) . . . . . FREE
- Donation to CFJC ... Thank You!! . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- National CFSC Membership . . . . . \$50

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

- Register Online at: [www.foodsecurity.org](http://www.foodsecurity.org)
- Check (check must be accompanied by registration form)
- Purchase Order (Purchase order must be received to process registration)
- Credit Card – Visa and MC ONLY

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



The Community Food Security Coalition is a North American organization dedicated to building strong, sustainable, local and regional food systems that ensure access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food for all people at all times. We seek to develop self-reliance among all communities in obtaining their food and to create a system of growing, manufacturing, processing, making available, and selling food that is regionally based and grounded in the principles of justice, democracy, and sustainability. CFSC has over 325 members across the U.S.

The California Food and Justice Coalition is a statewide membership coalition committed to the basic human right to healthy food while advancing social, agricultural and environmental justice. We are partners of the national Community Food Security Coalition, and collaborate with community-based efforts in California working to create a socially just, ecologically and economically sustainable food supply. We envision a California food system in which all activities, from farm to table, are equitable, healthful, sustainable, and community-driven.

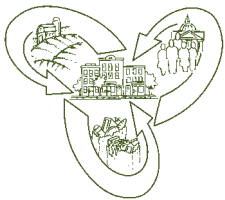
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