



The Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council (FPAC) connects Philadelphians and their local government to create a more just food system. FPAC envisions that all Philadelphians can access and afford healthy, sustainable, culturally appropriate, local, and fair food.

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**In Support of Philadelphia Joining an
International Community Advancing Sustainable Food Systems**

Dear Mayor Jim Kenney:

The Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council (FPAC) strongly encourages you to make Philadelphia a signatory city of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP), elevating Philadelphia as a leader in food policy and advancing sustainable food systems. There is an opportunity to sign the Pact alongside a coalition of other American cities at the Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors Meeting on January 24th.

The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) is an international pact initiated in 2014 in conjunction with the C40 Climate Leadership Group. The Pact has been signed by 159 cities and represents more than 450 million people around the world. MUFPP provides a 'Framework of Action,' with 37 specific 'Recommended Actions' in six thematic clusters, that addresses diverse goals and targets to improve city food systems. FPAC policy priorities are already well aligned with MUFPP's recommended action themes of social and economic equity, sustainable diets and nutrition, food supply and distribution, food production, and food waste. FPAC's six subcommittees focus on anti-hunger, nutrition, sustainable food purchasing, workforce development, urban agriculture, and zero waste efforts in Philadelphia.

The MUFPP is a non-binding agreement. Signatory cities are currently developing a monitoring framework – a shared set of indicators and metrics for cities to pilot best practices in food programs and policies. The Co-Chairs of the US Conference of Mayors Food Policy Task Force (Mayor Soglin of Madison, WI and Mayor Bowser of Washington, D.C.) have committed to using the Pact as a guiding framework for their food policy efforts. Other notable U.S. signatory cities include: Baltimore, Chicago, Miami, New York City, Pittsburgh, and San Francisco.

Becoming a MUFPP signatory city will strengthen Philadelphia's position as an international leader in food policy. FPAC already collaborates and shares best practices on urban food systems with the Chesapeake region, and joining MUFPP would broaden Philadelphia's food policy network. Philadelphia would also be eligible to leverage funding opportunities for signatory cities, up to €15,000 annually.

Thank you for your consideration of signing the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact to promote Philadelphia's food policy work internationally.

Sincerely,

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Amanda Wagner, FPAC Co-Chair

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Esteban Kelly, FPAC Co-Chair