



HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE (HSPC) & FOOD & AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER POLICY COMMITTEE (FARM) JOINT MEETING

Friday, September 12, 2025

12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

12:00 P.M. 1. WELCOME

*District of Columbia Councilmember Anita Bonds, HSPC Chair
Montgomery County Councilmember Andrew Friedson, FARM Chair*

Chair Bonds and Chair Friedson will provide a welcome and ask FARM and HSPC members to introduce themselves in the chat.

12:05 P.M. 2. UPCOMING LOCAL FOOD PROCUREMENT CHALLENGE

Chair Friedson

Chair Friedson will preview a challenge he'll officially launch later in the year for FARM and COG member jurisdictions. Participation in the challenge will leverage existing government spending to support healthy food access and investment in the region's food producers, economy, and resilience.

He will also share several insights from FARM's July Policy Forum, providing a transition to the subsequent agenda item.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing

**12:15 P.M. 3. FOOD SECURITY IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON: A ROUNDTABLE WITH
CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK, MARYLAND FOOD BANK, AND LOUDOUN HUNGER**

*Eddie Oliver, Executive Director, Federation of Virginia Food Banks
Radha Muthiah, President & CEO, Capital Area Food Bank
Anne Wallerstedt, Vice President of Government Relations, Maryland Food Bank
Jennifer Montgomery, President & CEO, Loudoun Hunger Relief*

Mr. Oliver will introduce the speakers, provide opening remarks, and moderate the panel. Ms. Muthiah, Ms. Kimmel, and Ms. Montgomery will provide updates on food insecurity in their respective service areas. They will also discuss

responses to changes in the federal workforce and food and nutrition assistance policies. Panelists will reflect on their challenges and recommendations to help address food insecurity across the region.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and discuss.

1:15

- 4. STATE LEGISLATOR PERSPECTIVES ON FOOD SECURITY**
Fairfax County Supervisor Rodney Lusk, Chair, COG Board
DC Councilmember Zachary Parker, FARM Vice Chair
Maryland State Delegate Lorig Charkoudian
Virginia Senator Danica Roem (tentative)

Supervisor Lusk will introduce the next speakers. He will invite Vice Chair Parker to share his priorities for supporting food security and critical human service needs at the DC Council in 2026. He will be followed by Delegate Charkoudian and Senator Roem from the MD and VA General Assemblies to share their priorities for food security and healthy food access in next year's upcoming legislative session.

Supervisor Lusk, COG's Board Chair and FARM and HSPC member, will reflect on the information shared and opportunities for regional action to respond to challenges.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing

1:40

- 5. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT SWEEPS AND REGIONAL IMPACTS UPDATE**
Anita Bonds, HSPC Chair
Marcy Thompson, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Vice President of Programs and Policy
Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager
Sam Kenney, COG Regional Homeless Systems Coordinator

Chair Bonds will introduce COG staff for an update on federal homeless encampment sweeps and local responses to the federalization of the District of Columbia police department. They will also share national advocacy efforts and opportunities to engage state and federal representatives on proven, effective responses to end the experience of homelessness.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and discuss.

2:00 P.M.

- 6. ADJOURN**
Anita Bonds, HSPC Chair
Andrew Friedson, FARM Chair

The next FARM meeting is the Annual Farm Tour on Friday, October 17th in Frederick County.
The next HSPC meeting is Friday, November 14th from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.