



Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Coordinator's Office

Date: October 6, 2014

**To: Honorable Cam Gordon, Chair, Health Environment and Community
Engagement Committee**

Subject: Appointment of Jesus Perez to Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council

Previous Directives:

- January 23, 2014, Council approved Mayoral appointment of Co-Chair and additional Food Council Representative for 2014-2015.
- December 6, 2013 Council approved the 2014-2015 Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Representatives.
- 2009R-283 and amended R2011- 445 September 2, 2011 Council approved resolution creating the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council.

Recommendation:

- 1) Approve the following Mayoral appointment to the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council for remainder of 2014-2015 term.

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| Appointee Name and Category if any | Appointed by Mayor or Council | Ward Home=H Work=W | Term Number of years | Term Begin/End | Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing |
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| Jesus Perez | Mayor | H-8 | 2 | Immediately -12/21/2015 | Mustafa Sundiata |

Background Information:

On December 6, 2013, the City Council approved 2014-2015 appointments for Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council members. Mustafa Sundiata, previous Food Council Co-Chair, was re-appointed at this time to a Food Council position but has subsequently moved overseas, thereby leaving a vacancy.

Mayor Hodges has chosen Jesus Perez, an employee of Youth Farm, to fill the vacancy.

Historical Background:

Formed in 2012, the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council is a permanent body for the City of Minneapolis to serve as a nexus of citywide food related efforts. The purpose of the Food Council is to:

- Advise the Mayor, City Council, and Park Board on food system related opportunities and challenges;
- Develop innovative policies and strategies to improve the growing, processing, promotion, distribution, consumption and composting of healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods in Minneapolis;
- Provide technical expertise and recommendations in the ongoing development of the City's Local Food sustainability targets;
- Advance the food system in directions that are health promoting, environmentally sustainable, local resilient, inclusive, equitable, fair and transparent;
- Assist in development, implementation, and evaluation of Homegrown Minneapolis recommendations; and, where necessary, convene additional expertise to innovate around challenges;
- Support, participate and provide leadership in development of regional food system work;
- Assist with opportunities to celebrate food and its role in strengthening the connections of Minneapolis' many communities and cultures.

The body may have no more than 21 members and structured to include participation of 15 community members and six City staff and elected representatives - a unique co-ownership model proven to be effective for moving food system work forward in Minneapolis.

City representation includes a representative from each of the five following: Health; Environmental Services, Community Planning and Economic Development; City Coordinator-Sustainability; Mayor's office; and, a City Council Member or Council staff.

Term length is for two years beginning in January of even-numbered years; this term is to begin immediately and end in December of 2015. Members may serve up to three consecutive terms.