

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Health, Environment & Community Engagement  
**Date:** 11/9/2015  
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**File type:** Action  
**Subcategory:** Board-Commission-Task Force

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**Subject:**

Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council: Appointments

**Description:**

1. Confirming the following Mayoral appointments for terms beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017:

Beth Dooley, Ward 7, Re-appointment, Seat No. 9  
Pakou Hang, Ward 9, Re-appointment, Seat No. 13  
Russ Henry, Ward 12, Re-appointment, Seat No. 10  
DeVon Nolen, Ward 5, Re-appointment (Mayorally appointed Co-chair), Seat No. 11  
Caroline Devany, Ward 9, Appointment, Seat No. 12  
Allison Meyer, Ward 6, Appointment, Seat No. 14  
Ruhel Islam, Ward 12, Appointment, Seat No. 15

2. Approving the following City Council appointments for terms beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017:

Zoe Hollomon, Ward 9, Re-appointment, Seat No. 7  
Jillia Pessenda, Ward 1, Re-appointment, Seat No. 3  
Saba Anduaalem, Ward 12, Appointment, Seat No. 1  
LaCora Bradford Kesti, Ward 6, Appointment, Seat No. 2  
Martin Brown, Ward 6, Appointment, Seat No. 4  
Journey Gosselin, Ward 9, Appointment, Seat No. 5  
Magdalena Kaluza, Ward 6, Appointment, Seat No. 6  
Latasha Powell, Ward 5, Appointment, Seat No. 8

3. Thanking outgoing members Sammie Ardito Rivera, Alison Babb, Omari Chatman, Kris Igo, Jesus Perez, Aaron Reser, Hashep Seka and Rhys Williams for their service.

**Previous Actions:**

- The Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council (HMFC) was created by 2011R-445 and amended by Resolution 2011R-633 on September 2, 2011 and 2015R-092 on February 27, 2015.

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**Ward/Address:**

Not Applicable

**Background/Analysis:**

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 includes 25 voting members comprised of 15 community members, 7 appointed by the Mayor and 8 appointed by the City Council; 6 City staff and elected representatives; and the remaining 4 members include: one staff and one community member representing Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and one staff and one community member representing Minneapolis Public Schools. City representation includes a representative from each of the following departments: Health; Environmental Services; Community Planning and Economic Development; City Coordinator–Sustainability; Mayor's office; and a Council Member or Council staff. This is a unique co-ownership model proven to be effective for moving food system work forward in Minneapolis. Term length is for two years beginning in January of even-numbered years. Members may serve up to three consecutive terms.

**Financial Review:**

**No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.**