

Food Council selects Steering Committee

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On Wednesday, February 8, the Del Norte and Tribal Lands Community Food Council held its second meeting of 2023, welcoming members of the newly formed Steering Committee:

David Salmon, Esther and Javier Gomez, Jennifer Schmidt, Marie Reeder, Miguel Pelayo, Patty Adams, Rachel Mayer, Terry Allaway, Veronica Van Mechelen and Kevin Mealue were introduced as the steering committee.

This team of local food system stakeholders has stepped up to serve their community through providing input and direction to the projects, programs, and policies undertaken by the DNATL CFC. When asked why she decided to join, Council Member Patty Adams stated “I very much wanted to be involved in finding food opportunities for Del Norte County. I don’t like to see the waste – especially with the produce and fruit.”

The California Endowment backbone funding provides the necessary support for staff to facilitate a Food Council of Community Members and stakeholders convening and collaborating on community projects aimed to cultivate an equitable, resilient, and sustainable local food system.

Learn more about the Food Council and our work by attending meetings from 5:15-6:45 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Family Resource Center of the Redwoods, 494 Pacific Ave in Crescent City. If you are passionate about access to nutritious local food, we invite you to attend these meetings and contribute your ideas and skillset toward this collective cause. Light dinner is provided, and childcare is available.

Del Norte & Tribal Lands are home to a diverse array of cultures, and the CFC aspires to ensure that all perspectives are reflected in what we do. The Steering Committee still needs Council members to represent the interests of Tolowa Dee-Ni’ Nation, the Hmong Community, High-School Students, and a local Market Owner or Employee.

For further questions regarding the council or steering committee please email Andrea Lanctot, Food Program Director, at alanctot@frceredwoods.org.