

FOOD POLICY

BROOKLYN FOOD CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SATURDAY MAY 2ND 2009



Meet Our Congressional Reps: Ask Your Questions on Federal Food Policy and Hear Their Answers:

Brooklynites will have the opportunity to pose questions on food and agricultural policies to our federal elected officials and to hear what they have to say about changing the food system to make it healthy, sustainable, and socially just.

Confirmed Attendance:

US Congress Member Yvette Clarke.

US Congress Member Nydia Velazquez

Public Hearing on Food Policy & Implementation with State and City Elected Officials

Tell our State and City elected officials what you want to see changed in the food system and hear what they plan to do about it.

Confirmed Attendance:

List from elected officials committee. List in formation.

Future of New York City Food Policy

Jenifer Clapp, Policy Analyst, Office of the Manhattan Borough President. **Scott M. Stringer**
Representative from the Brooklyn Borough President's Office

Changing the US Farm Bill: Challenging Agribusiness

This workshop will examine the general features of the US Farm Law, analyze whose interests are at stake, and how to create a Farm Bill that serves the needs of the people instead of feeds massive profits to agribusiness and the big food companies.

Kathy Lawrence, Program Dir., School Food FOCUS.

Max Finberg, Dir., Alliance to End Hunger.

Kathy Ozer, National Family Farm Coalition

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Race and the Food System

Health disparities across racial and ethnic groups are of growing concern in the U.S. Diet related diseases caused in part by lack of access, and affordability of, fresh nutritious food disproportionately affect low-income communities and people of color. This workshop will discuss issues of health, access to and affordability of healthy food, and the role race plays in our broken food system.

Karen Washington, co-founder, La Familia Verde Community Garden Coalition.

Mark Winston Griffith, Exec. Dir., Drum Major Institute for Public Policy.

Cecile Charles-King, Brooklyn Queens Land Trust and Growing Food and Justice for All Initiative.

Ajamu Brown, moderator, Bed-Stuy community activist and volunteers as a Community Chef with Just Food

Strategies Challenging the Food Systems: Learning from Other Communities

This panel will feature a number of models of how big cities attempted to change the food system. Food charters, city coalitions, and urban agricultural systems will be showcased as ways to create pressure on the food system and build alternatives.

La Donna Redmond, Pres., Chicago Institute for Community Resource Development,

Malik Yakini, Chairman, Detroit Black Community Food Security Network.