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TO: Members of the Food Policy Council:
All interested parties

FROM: Honorable Kara Hahn

DATE: April 5, 2016

RE: Food Policy Council Meeting Agenda

I. INTRODUCTIONS

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II. Pro Bono Partnership – presentation by Judy Siegel

The Pro Bono Partnership provides free business and transactional legal services to nonprofit organizations. They have about 1,060 volunteered attorneys and have served over 690 nonprofits. The services they provide would typically cost \$600-\$800 but are provided *pro bono* to organizations that cannot normally afford such legal services and serve the poor/disadvantaged or enhance the community through art/education. They provide services on a variety of business law/transactional legal matters, including nonprofit law and governance, employment law issues, legal issues in using volunteers, contract reviews, and more. A copy of the full presentation is attached.

III. Food Distribution Process- Joel Panagakos – J. Kings

A presentation on the process of distributing produce to smaller retailers on Long Island. There are a number of challengers for distributors, including delivery size, frequency of deliveries, time windows, and the minimum price for orders needed to profitably deliver produce. The J. Kings minimum is \$500. Orders are generally handled online or by phoning/e-mailing the company/sales representative. Furthermore, the distributor faces challenges in displaying available produce, keeping produce stocked, and preventing produce from aging past the point of expiration. A list was provided at the presentation of the various crops grown on Long Island, New Jersey, and upstate New York farms and the dates on which these crops are harvested is attached.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Community Gardens

Meeting monthly. Working with Hofstra Law. 501C(3) application will be submitted soon. A president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and at least three trustees are needed. Some positions are filled, others are still vacant.

Food Education

Janet speaks of a knowledge gap with people in urban areas concerning a lack of awareness of local and regional foods. Produce companies in NYC were not aware of options available and how schools are looking for their business. School districts aren't aware of all the grant opportunities to buy local/regional goods. Many school districts have an in-house

grant writer, while others contract out. Federal grants are most time-consuming but provide larger payouts.

Food Equity

Lauren Moy (Sustainable L.I.) informed us of an upcoming event that will be held on May 13th from 11:30AM to 1:00PM. Details below:

Kick-off event for Healthy Corner Store

Weir's Corner Deli

495 Granny Road,

Medford, NY 11763

Why Buy Local?

Update given regarding Farmers Market and Local Food Production grant opportunities.

Kids Meals Healthy Beverages

Gemma gave update on her advocacy for making healthy beverage items such as milk and water the default choice on kids' menus.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Vacancies – Community Org (1), Food Processors

Diane Shulman will fill the vacant food processor position.

b. Recommended Speakers/Presentations for 2016

Augie asked members to send him suggested presenters for future meetings.

c. Alternate Meeting location – East End

Augie and Zach will report back to Council if meeting location is changed.

Meeting location is currently arranged for Hauppauge.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

VII. NEXT MEETING – June 14th

