LOCAL FOOD
ADVISORY COUNCIL

# INTERIM REPORT

## 5-16-2018

**Progress—2018**

**Full Council Meetings = 1**

We have had one full council meeting thus far in 2018. It was held on March 22, 2018 at the Utah department of Agriculture and Food building in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Our theme for that meeting was agricultural land preservation. We had guest presentations by:

- Ryan Beck – Envision Utah
- Wendy Fisher – Utah Open Lands
- Joel Ferry – Utah Farm Bureau
- Tim Watkins – Layton City

**Work Group Meetings = 5 total**

**Ag. Land Preservation = 2 mtgs.**

We met once via telephone and once in person . We focused discussion on both conservation easements and Ag. Friendly zoning as ways to potentially save Ag. Land.

Additionally, Rep. Handy wrote a letter of support for Bangerter Farms Agricultural Protection Area designation. Rep. Handy and UDAF Commissioner Adams also addressed the Farmington City Council, asking them to approve the APA request.

**Innovations in Distribution = 1 mtg.**

The distribution committee met once and started discussing three topics:

- Food hubs
- Farm to school and institutions
- Increased access to local foods by low income and underserved residents

Salt Lake County is looking at providing some seed money to help start a food hub in the back of the new Square Kitchen incubator kitchen. Much of the discussion in the work group meeting revolved around how partners can work together to get the food hub started. The Distribution work group has set another meeting for June 6th at 10:00 am.

**Innovations in Production = 1 mtg.**

The production work group is meeting today for the first time. The agenda includes:

- Food Innovation Center development
- Season Extension
- Hydroponics/aquaponics
- Transitioning to specialty crops
- Agr-tourism

**Regulations = 1 mtg.**

This work group is also meeting for the first time today.

We sent a survey around to gather information from work group members. We had received 12 comments leading up to the meeting. We don't have a clear direction yet, but hope to after the first meeting.

**June 14, 2018** is the next scheduled meeting of the full body of the Local Food Advisory Council.