

Georgia Food Policy Council

"Charting Georgia's Food Future"

Consumption & Education - Processing, Composting, & Recycling - Production & Distribution

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Georgia Food Policy Council Holds 2017 Annual Meeting

Citizens, Stakeholders and Elected Officials Gather to Work for a Better State Food Future and Strengthen Local and Regional Food Systems

ALBANY, Ga. - Following a period of dormancy, the Georgia Food Policy Council (GFPC) will hold it 2017 Annual Meeting on Friday November 3rd in Albany GA at the Hilton Garden Inn. In collaboration with the Southwest Georgia Project for Community Education Inc, the GFPC event will be hosted within the "Food, Ag, and Equity" conference occurring simultaneously.

Among other agenda items, the GFPC will discuss advocacy and partnership plans for the upcoming year as well as field an election for officers of the group. Key businesses, elected officials, and organizations involved in supporting the GFPC include: Atlanta Food & Farm PBC (AF2) consulting group, Envision Nutrition, F.A.R.M.S., South Fulton City Councilman khalid kamau, Swanson Family Farm, and The Widget Development & Trading Company.

AF2 Founder & Lead Principal Kwabena Nkromo has served as GFPC Chair since 2014 and is looking forward to reviving the organization. "Even after the years since its beginning in 2010 and with other actors in the good food field at the state level such as Georgia Food Oasis, there remains the need for a big tent where we all can work together for a better food future for Georgia", says Nkromo.

Launched by the Georgia Department of Public Health with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the GFPC examines food and nutrition concerns at the state level. The council is comprised of representatives from all sectors of Georgia's food system, including production, consumption, processing, distribution, waste management, recycling and sustainability. The GFPC has three work groups: Production and Distribution; Food Processing, Waste, Composting and Recycling; and Consumption and Consumer Education. GFPC membership is open to all individuals and organizations involved in Georgia's food and nutrition sectors.

A highlight of this year's GFPC Annual Meeting will be guest speaker Jillian Hishaw Esq., Founder and Director of Family Agriculture Resource Management Services (F.A.R.M.S.) who will share remarks about the reasons why she practices agricultural law and current challenges of small farmers as well as solutions for their predicament.

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