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## FOOD POLICY COUNCIL OF BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY RECRUITS NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN COUNCIL

## Membership application is open now with approved members starting July 1

Buffalo, NY, June 15, 2023: The Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County (Council) is recruiting new board members. Erie County residents who are interested can <u>apply online</u>. New members will be selected for terms beginning July 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024.

Individuals who are passionate about improving food access, strengthening the Buffalo and Erie County food system and approaching their work using a community-centered mindset are encouraged to apply. If you have enjoyed collaborating with stakeholders from diverse backgrounds resulting in positive change for the community, you would be a good fit for the Council.

Council members serve a three-year term, with the option to reapply for an additional term. Members are expected to engage in monthly Council meetings, which are held virtually on the last Wednesday of the month from 4-6 p.m. Active participation in at least one working group or standing committee is also required.

Applicants must live in Erie County. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are considered twice a year.

Interested individuals are encouraged to visit the FPC web page\_to learn more about the Council and apply.

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The Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County (FPC) was created in May 2013 as a sub-commission of the Erie County Board of Health. The Council's mission is to build and strengthen a sustainable and just regional food system through policy recommendations, awareness and education. The FPC also serves as an advisory body to provide local governments, businesses and residents information and advice about policies and programs that support a local community-based food system. In 2020, the FPC released the Local Food Action Plan and has been actively working on implementation. The Council is comprised of both appointed and stakeholder seats. The Council maintains both standing committees and working groups to address food system issues. For more information about the Council structure, visit https://www3.erie.gov/fpc/council-structure.