

## Supplemental back-up for Mayor/Council re: Emergency Food Access

Staff is working to create a wide-range of strategies to address the existing and growing food insecure community. Three of four proposals staff is currently reviewing are from local companies/ agencies. Each addresses a different sector of the food insecure community and leverages different assets. There is no single solution to these challenges and staff is striving to deliver a diverse set of strategies that can be scaled at different levels to ensure we are in the best position to respond to an ever-changing landscape of needs. Each provider utilizes a different supply chain which will help to ensure any potential disruption in any one organization will not compromise the community's capacity to be fed.

Revolution Foods has a proven track-record around the country for providing high quality meals to school districts such as San Francisco Unified, Boston Public Schools and New York City Public. They are also currently working with several county and city agencies for emergency feeding across the country (see list of Texas agency partners below). They have expanded their services in the last month to provide emergency feeding. They come very well recommended by AISD Nutrition and Food Service Director and partners at the Boys and Girls Club of Austin. Staff is recommending this strategy because it fills an important gap in our current assessment of the emergency feeding landscape which is evolving very rapidly and necessitates a nimble approach. Revolution Foods allows us to get a project up and going immediately with potential to scale up if and when needed. Other proposals staff are currently reviewing will take longer to stand-up, and will provide local economic benefits as well as sourcing from local farmers/ ranchers.

Additional justifications for a contract with Revolution Foods:

- Would Revolution Foods hire locally?
  - If the City needs Revolution Foods to do actual on-site meal distribution in addition to bringing the meals to City locations, they would hire and train local staff and provide them with the necessary PPE.
- How quickly could the COA bring on new feeding locations that would prevent a prolonged gap in emergency meal distribution if one or multiple of our local ISD's has to close due to staff infections?
  - A contract with Revolution Foods allows the City/ County to be in a position to provide 'compliant' school meals to replace ISD's that have to stop distribution.
  - The City could also provide Summer Meals using Revolution Foods and get reimbursed for meals because they are USDA compliant.

### Revolution Foods Emergency Feeding Locations & Recipients

#### **Austin**

Harmony Public Schools  
Austin Achieve  
Boys and Girls Club  
Goodwater Montessori PCS

Harmony Public Schools  
NYOS Charter School  
Texas Preparatory School  
Valor Public Schools (TX)  
Boys and Girls Club

#### **Dallas/Fort Worth**

Boys and Girls Club  
Cristo Rey Fort Worth High School

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Harmony Public Schools  
Newman International  
Academy of Arlington  
Nova Academy Dallas

**Houston**

Academy of Accelerated  
Learning  
Beta Academy  
Beaumont ISD  
Harmony Public Schools  
Schools of Science and  
Technology  
Southwest Preparatory  
Schools - SA

Bloom Academy  
Boys and Girls Club  
Child Care Resources  
City of Houston  
Etoile Academy  
Harmony Public Schools  
Horizon Montessori Public  
Schools  
Houston Gateway Academy  
Lawson Academy

Nehemiah Center Inc.  
YMCA  
Harmony Public Schools

**San Antonio**

Be A Champion  
Boys and Girls Club  
Eagles Academy & Bexar  
County Academy

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