



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To recognize and celebrate Minister Aaron Hopkins on being selected as the May 2021 Local Food Action Plan Local Food Champion by the Columbus and Franklin County Local Food Board and the Franklin County Local Food Council.

**WHEREAS,** The Local Food Champion's work embodies one or more of the goals outlined in the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Action Plan Goals A, B, C, and D which include: enhancing the coordination and communication among existing food resources and agencies; improving access to and education about healthy food, affordable food and local food; increasing the role of food in economic development; and preventing food-related waste; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbus and the Franklin County Local Food Board was established to oversee, prioritize and guide implementation activities of the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the Franklin County Local Food Council is an independent advisory council that brings together people from across the food system, from growers to eaters, with a particular interest in people and neighborhoods most affected by food system policies and programs; and

**WHEREAS,** The local Food Champion Award recognizes and celebrates grassroots community efforts that support the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Action Plan's vision of a fair and sustainable food system that benefits our local economy, the environment, and each of the residents in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Columbus & the Franklin County Local Food Board and the Franklin County Local Food Council recognized Minister Aaron Hopkins as the winner of the May 2021 Local Food Champion Award as his work embodies the goals outlined in the Local Food Action Plan - Minister Aaron Hopkins has been improving food access on the South side of Columbus since April 2015 when he and his wife created the community youth engagement garden and fence project at Family Missionary Baptist Church through Reaching Higher Heights 4 Life program. Since then, he has created South Side Family Farms on two Columbus Land Bank Community Garden sites, delivering hundreds of pounds of healthy food to our community - these efforts exemplify the grassroots objectives of Goal B of the Local Food Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** Minister Hopkin's achievements were honored during the Local Food Action Plan 2020 Annual Report Virtual Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate Minister Aaron Hopkins on being selected as the May 2021 Local Food Action Plan Local Food Champion by the Columbus and Franklin County Local Food Board and the Franklin County Local Food Council.