BECOME A VOLUNTEER ADVISORY MEMBER

Stanislaus County Unpermitted Food Vending Task Force

The Stanislaus County Unpermitted Food Vendor Task Force is seeking representatives of nonprofit and community-based organizations, local businesses, and other community members to help strengthen food safety, promote education, and support compliance with permitting requirements. We're looking for people who can share their perspectives, strengthen community outreach, and serve as trusted messengers to help our food vendors better understand how to operate legally and safely.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We welcome representatives of organizations and individuals with experience or community connections in areas such as:

- Nonprofit and community-based organizations
- Local businesses, restaurants, and food vending
- Community outreach and advocacy
- Cultural and faith-based organizations
- Public health and food safety
- Small business development and permitting
- Victim services and advocacy
- Language access and underserved communities
- Housing, youth, family, and community services
- Workers rights and advocacy

No special qualifications are required. We're looking for people who bring diverse perspectives, experiences, and community connections.



WHAT WILL ADVISORY MEMBERS DO?

- Share community perspectives, experiences, and concerns, including potential barriers to permitting and compliance.
- Recommend ways to improve community education, outreach, and communication.
- Identify community resources that can support food vendors and promote compliance.
- Help develop and distribute educational materials.
- Participate in workgroups and community education events.
- Strengthen partnerships by connecting the Task Force with community organizations and resources.
- Attend meetings, participate in collaborative discussions about the Task Force's mission and guiding principles, and serve as liaisons to the communities they represent.

Advisory Members do not enforce laws, issue citations, or conduct investigations for the Task Force.
Issues requiring law enforcement will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

LANGUAGE ACCESS

The Task Force works with many Spanish-speaking individuals and other diverse communities. Spanish-speaking and multilingual organizations, businesses, and community members are encouraged to apply. Being bilingual is not required.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Advisory members participate as individuals or representatives of their respective organizations. Serving in this role does not authorize members to speak or act on behalf of Stanislaus County or any other participating agency.

Advisory members will be selected based on their experience, knowledge, community connections, and the Task Force's needs.

Participation is voluntary and unpaid. Advisory members will not receive compensation or reimbursement, and participation does not constitute County employment.

APPLY NOW: Visit the Department of Environmental Resources website.
Questions? Contact the Department of Environmental Resources at 209-525-6723.