

Food and Nutrition Commission – Recommended for Appointment

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Amanda Karls

Job Title: Attorney/Homemaker

Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?

To help promote a better Saint Paul.

What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?

Attorney, Board member District 16 Council

Lane Rapp

Employer: Bon Appetit Management Company

Job Title: Cafe and Retail Greeter - Macalester College

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Galvanizing the collaboration between our area's diverse food and health organizations to improve the vitality of our residents is the mission I seek. I care deeply to promote affordable nutrition access across all age, cultural, and socioeconomic circumstances.

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My committed interest to easing access to the foods for a healthy diet strengthens my potential impact serving the commission. Related experiences have helped me earn the listening, organizational, and planning skills crucial to the committee's work. My participation in caregiving, food service, social media, writing, budgeting, and event planning will prove useful in developing partnerships the committee fosters.

Recently, I have worked full-time encouraging wholesome diets for both a college campus and a senior living community. In the distant past I worked at an organic foods grocery, wrote columns for a college wellness newsletter, cooked and gardened for a man in his nineties, and learned from a local government internship building partnerships between public and private development groups.

My volunteer experience includes the urban neighborhood food access group Growing West Side, nutrition logistics support at touring and sporting fundraisers, and providing clean water and nutrition checks after Hurricane Katrina.

During my formal education I learned Nutrition Science as an undergraduate student, Botany as a post-baccalaureate community college student, and Physiology, Pathology, and Preventive Medicine classes as a medical student at the UMN

Lebohang Moore

Employer: Minnesota Food Association

Job Title: Food Hub Manager

Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?

As a native St. Paul-ite, I am proud and impressed by our city's commitment to pursuing more equitable and healthy food systems for all people. I want to serve on the Food and Nutrition Commission because I believe food is a human right and that we, as a community, can do better to ensure access to more nutritious food for all residents while at the same time creating viable jobs in local food economies, supporting the livelihood of local farmers and fostering regenerative land stewardship.

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I have spent the last seven years working in community food systems in MN, MO, Peru, Bolivia and Zambia. I have a Masters in Geography and sustainable development and my thesis explored the perception of urban agriculture, using photovoice and participatory mapping on the East Side of Saint Paul, MN. I have studied food system change and development focusing on local food initiatives, but also the impacts and complexities of our global food system. I am currently the food hub manager for MN Food Association where I aggregate and distribute certified organic produce grown by immigrant and historically underserved farmers in our farm training program. This work has taught me the importance of changing local food economies to allow for easier access to land for marginalized communities and to work with restaurants, schools, hospitals and other institutions to implement better buying practices to serve local farmers and increase access to healthy food in Saint Paul. I am well connected within the local food community in MN, but also around the country. I believe my knowledge and experience make me an excellent candidate to serve on the commission.