

MURIEL BOWSER MAYOR

March 22, 2022

The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman Council of the District of Columbia John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504 Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council of the District of Columbia is "Modifications to GAGA-2021-C-0206 with FreshFarm Markets, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2022" and the accompanying emergency declaration resolution, "Modification to Contract No. GAGA-2021-C-0206 with FreshFarm Markets, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022".

The legislation would approve Contract No. GAGA-2021-C-0206, with FreshFarm Markets, Inc., in the amount \$1,233,517.24, with a period of performance from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. The legislation would also authorize payment for the goods and services received and to be received under the contract. Under the contract, FreshFarm Markets Inc. has and will develop and expand FoodPrints, a program that integrates gardening, cooking, and nutrition education into the curriculum, in nine DCPS elementary schools.

As always, I am available to discuss any questions you may have regarding the proposed contract. To facilitate a response to any questions, please have your staff contact LaVeta Hilton, Chief Procurement Officer, Office of Resource Strategy, Contracts and Acquisitions Division, District of Columbia Public Schools at (202) 442-5112.

I looked forward to the Council's prompt and favorable consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor A PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. GAGA-2021-C-0206 with FreshFarm Markets, Inc., to develop a program that integrates gardening, cooking, and nutrition education into the curriculum, and to authorize payment for the goods and services received and to be received under the modifications. RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Modification to Contract No. GAGA-2021-C-0206 with FreshFarm Markets, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022". Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. GAGA-2021-C-0206 with FreshFarm Markets, Inc., to develop a program that integrates gardening, cooking, and nutrition education into the curriculum, and to authorize payment for the goods and services received and to be received under the modification. (b) Modification No. 1 is now necessary to increase the number of schools under this program, which will increase the total contract not-to-exceed amount for the base period by \$525,000.00 to \$1,233,517.24.

- 1 (c) Council approval is required by section 451(b) of the District of Columbia
- 2 Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 803; D.C. Official Code § 1-
- 3 204.51(b)), since this modification increases the contract to more than \$1,000,000 during
- 4 a 12-month period.
- 5 (d) Approval is necessary to allow the continuation of these vital services.
- 6 Without this approval, FreshFarm Markets, Inc. cannot be paid for goods and services
- 7 provided in excess of \$1,000,000 for the contract period from October 1, 2021, to
- 8 September 30, 2022.
- 9 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the
- 10 circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it
- 11 necessary that the Modification to Contract No. GAGA-2021-C-0206 with FreshFarm
- 12 Markets, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2022 be adopted
- 13 after a single reading.
- 14 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.