

Mayor's Office: Council Agenda Item Request Form

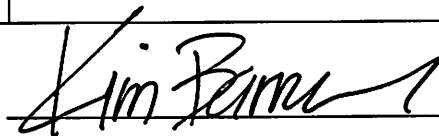
This form and supporting documents (if applicable) are due the Wednesday before the COW meeting by noon.

Date Received
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6 February 2017

Date of Request	2.6.17
Requesting Staff Member	Michael Ongkiko
Requested Council Date	2/14/17
Topic/Discussion Title	-Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Benefit Offering Proposal (see attachment)
Description	In partnership with Parks and Recreation, Urban Farming, Human Resources would like to request the approval to offer a CSA option to employees that would allow employees to purchase shares of a CSA and have their harvest boxes delivered to the Salt Lake County Government Center and possibly other Salt Lake County locations. We would like to request submitting a RFP to contract with a local farmer to provide the CSA benefit to employees.
Requested Action ¹	Approval. Request for consent agenda item
Presenter(s)	Michael Ongkiko
Time Needed ²	N/A
Time Sensitive ³	n/a
Specific Time(s) ⁴	n/a
Contact Name & Phone	Michael Ongkiko x80575
Please attach the supporting documentation you plan to provide for the packets to this form. While not ideal, if supporting documents are not yet ready, you can still submit them by 10 am the Friday morning prior to the COW agenda. Items without documentation may be taken off for consideration at that COW meeting.	

Mayor or Designee approval:



¹ What you will ask the Council to do (e.g., discussion only, appropriate money, adopt policy/ordinance) – in specific terms.

² Assumed to be 10 minutes unless otherwise specified.

³ Urgency that the topic to scheduled on the requested date.

⁴ If important to schedule at a specific time, list a few preferred times.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Benefit Offering Proposal

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a way for individuals to purchase locally grown produce and directly support farming and farmers in their communities. Individuals purchase shares of a farm's produce for the growing season.

Many employers offer a CSA as a benefit to employees as a convenience to have their weekly produce box delivered to the worksite and great way to engage employees in knowing where their food comes from, learning more about the local food, supporting local farms, and increasing consumption of fresh healthy produce. CSA's complement employee health and wellness programs as they encourage the commitment of employees to eat more fruits and vegetables.

CSA participants have increased opportunities to experiment with a greater variety of produce and try new recipes since many CSA's provide resources such as recipe cards.

Several municipality employers across the United States, such as San Francisco, Austin, and New York City, offer a CSA benefit to their employees. In Utah employers offering such a benefit include the Utah State Health Department, University of Utah, L3 Communications, and Backcountry.

Type of CSA offerings

Generally, CSA's are available for 15-20 weeks during the year (late spring to early fall). Full and half shares are available. Full shares are weekly deliveries, and half shares are delivered every other week. The types of fruits and vegetables vary on the season, but range from lettuce, onions, cucumbers, zucchinis, tomatoes, beets, melons, peaches, carrots, and green beans, just to name a few.

Recommendation

In partnership with Parks and Recreation, Urban Farming, Human Resources would like to request the approval to offer a CSA option to employees that would allow employees to purchase shares of a CSA and have their harvest boxes delivered to the Salt Lake County Government Center and possibly other Salt Lake County locations. We would like to request submitting a RFP to contract with a local farmer to provide the CSA benefit to employees.

Cost

Employees who opt to participate in the CSA would be responsible for the full cost of the benefit. Depending on if the employee selects a full or half share, the cost may range from \$200 to \$700 for the season. Weekly or monthly payment may be an option, depending on the RFP selection.

Salt Lake County (Parks and Recreation, Urban Farming) would be responsible for managing the contract of the CSA, communications to employees about the benefit, and logistics of the delivery and pick-up of the harvest boxes.