

# Food Access, Equality, and Justice

70% of DC's 49 grocery stores are concentrated in the 4 wards whose residents are primarily high income and white. In comparison, DC's lowest income wards with the highest concentration of Black residents share only 4 grocery stores, resulting in widespread food insecurity and poor health outcomes. We must work collectively to address food access and equality, while investing in programs that fill the gaps.<sup>11</sup>

## Joyful Food Markets

Joyful Food Markets are healthy grocery markets that "pop up" monthly in elementary school in Wards 7 and 8. Students, their families, school staff, and volunteers select healthy pantry staples and fresh produce while chef educators engage children in activities designed to promote healthy habits and nutrition education.



**\$1.5 Million to the Department Of Health to expand the program to all 49 elementary schools in Wards 7 & 8**

## Produce Rx

Through Produce Rx, patients at risk for or experiencing diet-related chronic illness are given a prescription for fruits and vegetables. Previously a farmers market program, in 2018 Produce Rx will be expanding in partnership with Giant Foods, so that patients can fill their prescription at the pharmacy (and in the produce aisle) of Giant on Alabama Ave in Ward 8.



**\$1 Million to the Department Of Health**

## Produce Plus

From June 1st through September 30, DC residents who use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Senior Grocery Plus (FMNP), or Medicaid can go to farmers' markets across the city and receive up to \$20/week to spend on fresh produce.



**\$1.2 Million to the Department Of Health**

## Elderly Simplified Application

The program would increase access to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) for seniors by shortening the application down to two-three pages and waiving the requirement for an in-person interview.



**The change would have no cost but would be administered by the Department of Human Services**