ENABLERS
COMMUNITY-LED FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION
For decades, Boston's community-based organizations have been instrumental in advocating for a more equitable and inclusive food system while addressing climate change and inequitable food systems. These organizations operate across all parts of the food system by promoting urban farms, creating dynamic food rescue organizations, providing affordable fresh produce of farmers' markets across the city, developing shared food business facilities, and catalyzing food computing partnerships around cooperatives.

COMMONWEALTH INTEGRITY
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INSTITUTIONAL INNOVATION
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ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY
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THE FOOD JUSTICE AGENDA
Boston's new administration seeks to build a more equitable, just, and sustainable city through the universal power of food. Food system into a model for equity, opportunity, and sustainability. By amplifying community-led efforts to address food insecurity, labor justice, and climate change Boston's new administration seeks to build a more equitable, just, and sustainably through the universal power of food.

BARRIERS
LACK OF HORIZONTAL COLLABORATION ACROSS CITY GOVERNMENTS
Historically, the responsibility for Boston's food-related policies has been spread across different local government departments. The Boston Food Access Office was, for instance, part of the Health and Human Services Cabinet. It coordinated efforts to broaden food access and improve people's well-being and health equity. The new administration is trying to integrate the food industry in other areas such as climate change and environmental labor, right, small businesses, and community development.

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People who work in food-related industries and civil society have a common understanding of food system challenges and are coming together to the table to try to solve them in a way that we've never seen before.

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Boston's food policies have historically centered on improving health outcomes in the City. However, this narrow understanding of food as a health determinant has hindered holistic policy actions to tackle the interconnected food, climate, labor, and equity challenges. For example, the Office of Food Access prioritized food access issues, failing to consider the role of food access in broader economic development and equity challenges. For example, the Office of Food Access prioritized food access issues, failing to consider the role of food access in broader economic development and equity challenges.

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