

## Detroit USDA Urban Ag Advisory Committee Support Network

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## DETROIT URBAN FARMING COALITION SEEKS ENDORSEMENT

### *DUUAAC sponsors slate of candidates for newly formed USDA Urban Ag Advisory Committee*

Detroit, Michigan, May 10, 2021 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking nominees for a new 12-member national advisory committee on urban agriculture, as part of a broader effort to focus on the needs of urban farmers. To ensure that there is ample representation of Detroit's urban agricultural needs on the national committee, a group of Detroit Urban Ag leaders, named the Detroit USDA Urban Ag Advisory Committee Support Network (DUUAAC) have come together to develop a slate of potential candidates.

- The USDA Urban Agriculture Candidate slate includes:

Kami Pothukuchi- SEED Wayne, Wayne State University

Renee V. Wallace- FoodPLUS Detroit

Kathryn Lynch Underwood- City of Detroit Planning Commission

Anthony Hatinger- Detroit Ento, formerly CDC Urban Farms and Fishery

Pashon Murray- Detroit Dirt

Jerry Ann Hebron- Oakland Avenue Urban Farm

Erin Cole- Nurturing Our Seeds

- The DUUAAC Support Network is encouraging residents and community stakeholders to support their slate of seven nominees by digitally endorsing them through the link found [here](#). For more information as well as brief bios on the slate of candidates, follow the link listed [here](#).

By providing your contact information you are digitally endorsing this slate of nominees. Your endorsement will help send a strong signal to the USDA to select committee members who represent, and are accountable to Detroit's Urban Ag endeavors and the federal policies and resources allotted for urban agriculture in the future.

Detroit is an epicenter of Urban Agriculture supporting thousands of Detroit residents with locally grown food, employing and engaging residents in more than 2000 plus gardens and farms in the City. For example, Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) reported nearly 30,000 members in its Garden Resource Program in their 2020 Annual Report which can be found [here](#).

**The deadline to sign on is June 30th, 2021.**

The 2018 Farm Bill established the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production and directed the USDA to form this advisory committee as well as make other advancements related to urban agriculture. This national committee will advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices; aspects of implementation and further develop recommendations, as well as other aspects of the implementation section of Subtitle A, Section 222 of the Reorganization Act of 1994. For more information on the DUUAAC, please email [Det.USDA.UAAC@gmail.com](mailto:Det.USDA.UAAC@gmail.com).

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