



Food Apartheid Fighter, Coming Event, New Website & Budget Deal Zaps Bills

Greetings!

Lots of exciting things to share with you this week. Don't miss our upcoming live podcast at Manny's in San Francisco on July 12; ticket link is below.

Today's Podcast Episode

Today's podcast features another powerful female leader in our series. [Leah Penniman](#) is a food justice hero and author of [Farming While Black: Soul Fire Farm's Practical Guide To Liberation on the Land!](#) As she puts it, "farming found me...and I fell in love the first day." Leah has built a farm and community dedicated to righting the wrong of food apartheid. In recognition of her work, the James Beard Foundation gave her its prestigious Leadership Award this last May. She wrote the book to assist black and brown people liberate themselves through reconnection with the land. We think everyone will learn from this book. She says "to own our own land, especially to own it in a way that is accountable to community, is a really important part of healing the food system." She is a healer of many dimensions and we know you'll love her vision and story.



Live Podcast at Manny's July 12!

Anthony Myint of Mission Chinese and Surprise Guest to Talk San Francisco Restaurant Crisis in Live Podcast

Join on [Anthony](#), surprise guest (to be announced)



shortly) and Michael on July 12th at Manny's for an honest conversation about San Francisco's restaurant industry. The city is alive with incredible places, filled with incredible talent and dedicated diners. Yet, skyrocketing rents for space and housing, no one to hire, and a thousand places to eat make for a perfect storm that might just crash the scene. What's the reality, what's to be done? For tickets click on the link below.



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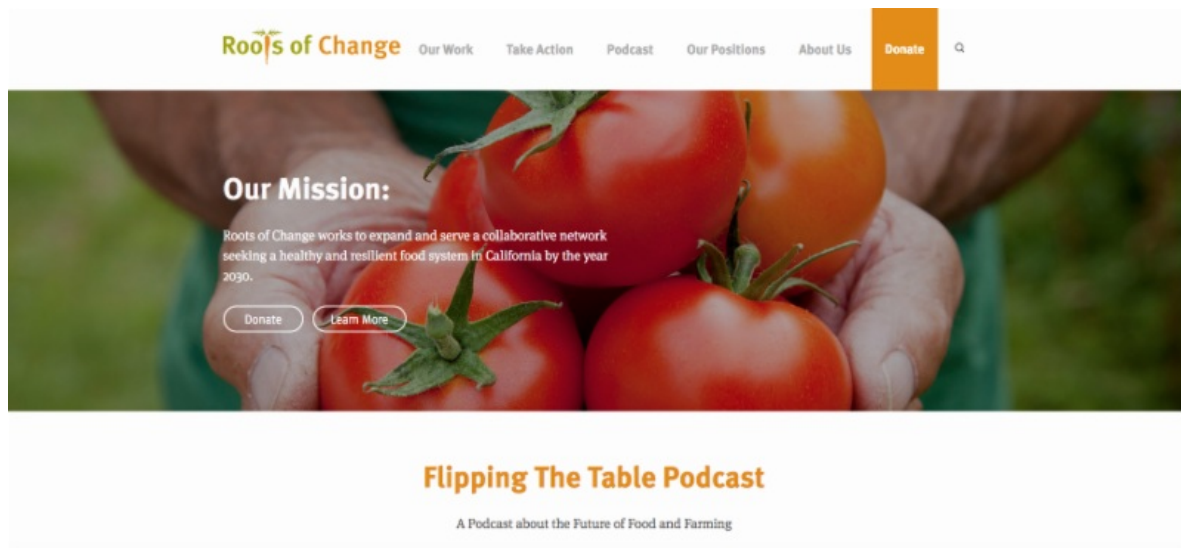
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Future Episodes

See [here](#) our lineup into October of amazing artists, farmers, entrepreneurs and activists. Flipping the Table can now be found on Stitcher as well. Please subscribe, rate us and offer as review. It will help us sustain the program.

New ROC Website



We have simplified and tightened up our website to reflect the focus in our activities. At the suggestion of some we surveyed, we have added a section (that will keep growing)

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Legislative Update

It appears to us that legislators, despite a huge revenue surplus, lowered sustainable food systems in this year's legislative priorities. Only one of our top priority bills, SB 200 will realize its full potential. Hundreds of California communities will get the water they deserve. We are grateful that after years of trying, this important measure was passed. And at the same time, we think that \$100 million of the \$130 budgeted, was inappropriately sourced from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (AB32). That decision, reflecting legislator fear of public displeasure with a small rise in water bills, robbed important climate-smart ag programs related to water use efficiency, compost production and reduction of methane in dairy operations. The only good news around our climate-smart budget priorities came with the Healthy Soils Program, a budget request we vigorously supported. Funding was nearly doubled in the budget from \$15 to 28 million. Clearly, the leadership and/or a majority of legislators fear losing office more than protecting future generations. Two other top priorities passed out of their first house but were also denied the funding needed for the bills to be implemented.



Highest Priority Bills

SB 200 Safe & Affordable Drinking Water Fund. Bill Monning (Carmel)

Provides clean water in area where it does not exist with funds from a fee on fertilizer, dairies and water users. **PASSED THROUGH THE BUDGET BILL, BUT TO BE FUNDED WITH GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUNDS, NOT FEES.**

SB 499 CA-Grown for Healthy Kids Act. Mike McGuire (Healdsburg)

Provides 10 cents more to meal budgets for the purchase of fresh, CA-grown fruits and vegetables by school districts or charters that provide free breakfast and lunch in high-poverty schools. **PASSED OUT OF SENATE AND BEFORE ASSEMBLY, BUT NOT FUNDED IN BUDGET BILL.**

AB 409 Ag Adaptation Tools. Monique Limon (Santa Barbara)

Establishes a grant program to aid farmers and ranchers who work to increase resilience of their operations and prioritizes support for small-scale and farmers of color. **PASSED OUT OF ASSEMBLY AND NOW BEFORE SENATE, BUT NOT FUNDED IN BUDGET BILL.**

Other Priority Bills

Only four other important bills remain alive, but two were not included in the budget. Results so far this session are generally disappointing

AB 5 Fair classification of workers. Author Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher (South San Diego)

Stops companies from misclassifying their workers as independent contractors in order to lower employer obligations. **PASSED OUT OF ASSEMBLY AND NOW BEFORE SENATE.**

SB 285 CalFresh Connect. Author Anthony Wiener (San Francisco)

Improves CalFresh improve enrollment, especially among those receiving Medi-Cal with special attention to seniors through simplified applications and retention systems.

PASSED OUT OF SENATE NOW BEFORE ASSEMBLY, BUT NOT FUNDED IN BUDGET BILL.

AB 1022 California Anti-Hunger Response & Employment Training Act. Author Buffy Wicks (Oakland)

Establishes a training program to fight hunger among individuals who have been determined ineligible for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by a cruel federal time limit. **PASSED OUT OF ASSEMBLY AND NOW BEFORE SENATE.**

AB 842 Hunger-Free Preschool. Monique Lemon (Santa Barbara) and Susan Eggman (Stockton)

Ensures that all low-income, public preK students have access to a free- or reduced-price meals and all childcare providers utilizing the ChildCare Food Program receive supplemental state funding. **PASSED OUT OF ASSEMBLY AND NOW BEFORE SENATE, BUT NOT FUNDED IN BUDGET BILL.**

Thank you!



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