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Hey Kris,

Just going through the white paper (wow, amazing job given all the variables) and wondering about pg. 40 and your mention of Policy 2.3: establishing an Agricultural Committee. Just to let you know we're in the process of working with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council to establish a regional Food Policy Council for Lee, Collier, and possibly Hendry. We're hoping to have a kick off meeting this fall. We have a national consultant that has started these all over the country coming in to facilitate. The Council will go way beyond Blue Zones initiatives, however our goal is to just help get one started. I'm wondering if this could be a recommendation from staff to explore the possibility of a Food Policy Council instead of just an Ag Advisory Committee. The Council would encompass growers, but focusing on the food system as whole.

I may be too late in this recommendation, but just a thought. It would be a nice plug to ensure we get some county participation.

Thanks!

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