



# Staff Report

City Council

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**Meeting Date:** October 9, 2024

**From:** Tracey Hermosillo, City Clerk

**Title:** FIND Food Bank Presentation - Debbie Espinosa, President and CEO

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is a presentation only, no formal action will be taken.

**BACKGROUND:**

FIND is the regional food bank serving eastern Riverside and Southern San Bernardino Counties in southern California. They are one of the 200 Feeding America network food banks in the United States. They are the regional emergency disaster response food bank recognized by the state and county as the first line of defense against hunger. They help feed an average of 125,000 people each month through their network of 175 distribution sites, which includes FIND's Community Mobile Markets, and over 90 community-based partners.

FIND's Agency Network includes about 90% of our region's food pantries, soup kitchens, and non-profit organizations that collect food from FIND to distribute to their communities. FIND Food Bank works to promote the dignity and protect the health of the people they serve by providing nutritious, culturally appropriate food to anyone in need where it is needed most.

FIND Food Bank (Food In Need of Distribution) is dedicated to relieving hunger, the causes of hunger, and the problems associated with hunger through awareness, education, and mobilization of resources and community involvement. It is their mission to create a community that is free of hunger and food insecurity.

**DISCUSSION:**

Dibbie Espinosa, President and CEO of FIND Food Bank will be providing a brief presentation on the following items:

- A recap on Hunger Action Month
  - The state of hunger in Cathedral City
  - How FIND serves the residents of the City
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Ms. Espinosa will be available for questions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:**

None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None