Riverside Food Systems Alliance (RFSA)
https://riversidefoodsystemsalliance.org/

Volunteer and Board Member Questionnaire

RFSA is seeking those who will contribute with their time, talents, and/or treasure. If you have a passion or connection to the local food system, we welcome your involvement. If you are interested in contributing to RFSA’s local food system efforts as a volunteer or board member, please complete this questionnaire to help us get to know you and to understand how you might contribute. Return via email to Susan Farney (sfahney9@gmail.com) or hand a printed copy to a board member.

NAME ___________________________ DATE: ______________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________

PHONE, FAX, EMAIL ____________________________________

Is this a smart phone? ______ What is your preferred method of communication? Email, text? ______________

BUSINESS/AGENCY/AFFILATION __________________________

ADDRESS for above ____________________________________________

PHONE, FAX, EMAIL for above __________________________________________

1. Which RFSA meetings or events have you attended? __________________________________________

2. What is your current involvement/interest in the local food system? __________________________

3. What talents, special knowledge, and/or affiliations do you have that might facilitate RFSA’s efforts and mission? __________________________________________

4. What other community organizations, boards, or committees are you affiliated with? __________________________

Would you serve as a representative to a group, business or agency? __________________________

5. Please add any information that would help introduce you to the volunteer and nominating committees: __________________________________________

6. Name of the person who recommended that you participate, if any: __________________________

7. Which projects and committees interest you? __________________________________________

(Please circle those you are interested in serving on). Committees include:

Building RFSA Structure and Capacity
Communication and Outreach

Specific activities include: assisting at GrowRIVERSIDE, Community Gatherings, Growers’ Forums; hosting events and fund raisers; outreach at RFSA booths; helping with publicity; seeking sponsors for, or distributing the Fresh and Local Guide; coordinating with food system grants; beginning farmer training programs.
Finance, Budget, and Fund Raising
Nominating and Volunteer Coordination
Beginning Farmer Training Program
Food Waste Reduction
Ag Land Conservation
GrowRIVERSIDE Planning
Other: ______________________________

**Skills and Expertise** *(Please circle)*

Agriculture/Farming
Fundraising
Grant Writing
Technology
Personnel/Human Resource Experience
Marketing/Public Relation Skills
Financial Management Skills
Administration/Management
Legal Expertise
Business

**Qualities**

Dependable with follow-through
Strong communicator: oral and/or written
Consensus builder
Leadership
Strategist
Other: _______________________________

**Community Connections**

Social Services
Agriculture
Education
Media
Political
Philanthropy
Business
Faith Based
Neighborhoods
Service Clubs/Organizations
Other: _______________

**Resources**

Time to give to RFSA projects
Willing to contribute expertise
Access to foundations or corporate support
Interest in contributing financially

**RFSA Board Commitments:**
A typical board member contributes 10-15 hours per month, including attending and preparing for board meetings and subcommittees.

RFSA also has an Ex Officio board that meets infrequently. Ex Officio members often individually provide a related expertise or special contribution.

Are you interested in serving as a board member or an Ex Officio board member? ___________________

In what capacity? ___________________________________________
Thank you for taking the time to learn about RFSA and complete this questionnaire.