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Andy Barratt and I, Sue Novell, are speaking on behalf of Our Food Network and Seniors Climate Action Network.

There is a widely recognised and growing potential for significant disruption to food supply, due to impacts of climate change and geopolitical events on national and international food production and distribution.

The City Council therefore has a vital role in supporting food resilience for citizens.

The take-home message from this presentation is that we urge the Council to create a full time permanent position of Food Resilience Coordinator, separate from Enterprise Dunedin, in the next DCC 10 year plan.

The reasons for this recommendation are:

- Food resilience is critical and is too important to be left simply to community organisations & volunteers.
- Food resilience is multi-dimensional and can't be addressed by different sectors in isolation.
- Food resilience is complex and it is central to the future wellbeing of the City – everyone should have access to healthy, nutritious and environmentally sustainable food.
- It links strongly to DCC strategy re: Zero Carbon by 2030 and the City Portrait with its social foundations. It thus links to Community Wellbeing, Environment and Economic Development strategies.

There are lots of ways that city councils can support food resilience – food policy councils, food procurement strategies, etc.

But fundamentally, taking food resilience seriously means building, supporting and resourcing the capacity to do so. This requires a permanently funded position that would coordinate community-wide efforts to bolster truly sustainable local food production.

Thank you.