

Unit 3: Community Food Conversation Scenario

Citizens in a large district of the city live in an area where there is only one food store available to them. Many of the residents of this district do not have cars and have to travel far distances to buy food elsewhere. The public transportation system is of limited range to meet residents' needs, is very time-consuming, and is considered unreliable.

Little to no fresh, reasonably-priced, natural foods are sold at the store within their district.

This week a meeting will be held at the community center to address citizens' food issues and challenges. The following people will present their perspectives, opinions, and (perhaps) pledges before the meeting opens for the question and answer session. The scheduled speakers are:

A Single Mother who has four children

The Community Activist

The Grocery Store Owner/Manager

The City Council Member who represents the district

The Mayor's Representative

The State's District Agricultural & Technical Expert

The Pioneer of the Community Food Garden, and

The Land Owner who wants to use some of her land to address the problems but is undecided about who and what to support.

In written form, present individually, the arguments and concerns of each speaker, *based on their roles in the food system*. Consider the views and opinions, expectations, and promises (or pledges — based on their duties to community) in your shaping of each speaker's comments.