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Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Amit Dhuleshia and I am writing regarding **Item 16 – Progress Report on the Countywide Food Contract** on March 3rd Board Of Supervisors Meeting at 9am.

In the December update, staff reported a **70% increase in poultry purchases, a decrease in red and processed meat, and “strategic shifts toward plant-forward menu planning,”** including increased purchases of legumes and minimally processed grains.

In the March report, the plant-forward language was removed and replaced with a general statement about shifting from red meat to poultry.

I respectfully ask: **Is plant-forward procurement an explicit goal of the County’s long-term food strategy?**

If the County is serious about reducing carbon intensity and advancing sustainability, plant-based proteins achieve significantly greater emissions reductions than poultry. I urge the Board to direct staff to begin tracking and publicly reporting plant-based protein procurement as its own measurable category.

Thank you

Amit