



**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**December 10, 2020**

***Open Session: 9:15 AM – 12:30 PM ET***

9:15 AM                      **Welcome, Sylvia Rowe, Food Forum Chair**

**Open Session---Impact of COVID-19 on Food Inequities: Challenges and Opportunities**

*Moderator: Wendy Johnson, Nestle, Food Forum Member*

9:20 – 9:50 AM            **Historical and Structural Racism: Impact on Food Inequities**

**Regina Bernard-Carreño**, Baruch College, The City University of New York

10-minute Q&A

9:50 – 11:30 AM        **COVID-19 and Food Insecurity Related Challenges and Policy Implications**

**Geri Henchy**, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)

**Sara Bleich**, Harvard University

**Meredith Ponder Whitmire**, Defeat Malnutrition Today

**Jeremy Everett**, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, Baylor University

20-minute moderated Q&A

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM   **Communities and Citizen Engagement around COVID-19 and Food**

**Mayra Gutierrez**, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation

**Camryn Smith**, Communities In Partnership

**Baldemar Velasquez**, Farm Labor Organizing Committee

30-minute moderated Discussion

12:30 PM ET              **Adjourn**

### **About the Food Forum**

The Food Forum convenes scientists, administrators, and policymakers from academia, government, industry, and public sectors on an ongoing basis to discuss problems and issues related to food, food safety, and regulation and to identify possible approaches for addressing those problems and issues. The Forum provides a rapid way to identify areas of concordance among these diverse interest groups. It does not make recommendations, nor does it offer specific advice. It does compile information, develop options, and bring interested parties together.

The Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) established the Food Forum in 1993 to allow selected science and technology leaders in the food industry, top administrators in the federal government, representatives from consumer interest groups, and academicians to periodically discuss and debate food and food related issues openly and in a neutral setting. The Forum provides a mechanism for these diverse groups to identify possible approaches for addressing food and food safety problems and issues surrounding the often complex interactions among industry, academia, regulatory agencies, and consumers.

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