

Nadine Nelson statement

Please support this ordinance to make it easier and more affordable for small food businesses to rent space in existing certified kitchens. See below for more details! The implementation of this proposed ordinance will help create more equitable access to entrepreneurship among diverse populations and create the opportunity for startup businesses to build financial and operational capital in an industry in which startup cost is often cost prohibitive. Economic development is fueled by a lack of bureaucracy and redundancy. This ordinance is a win-win for the city of New Haven, established food businesses renting and helping to build capacity in young businesses, and eager business people ready to pilot and prove proof of concept and build a solid foundation before securing their own leases. Businesses are traveling to New York and Massachusetts to produce their products. Until New Haven can create a viable and affordable incubator kitchen. This is a wonderful solution to continue to drive the creation of cottage business while they are in their infancy. Please support this ordinance. Nadine Nelson, owner of Global Local Gourmet and Chair of the Cooking and Food Education Working Group of the New Haven Food Policy Council.