

## **Reviewer-1**

The charts are from secondary sources like Statistica and National Institute of Health Care Management (NIHCM). They need to be properly titled and given proper sources. Otherwise, it runs the risk of plagiarism. Moreover, those charts are for national food insecurity and do not reflect on area(s) under study. It is also unclear what year the data reflect for charts 1 and 3. Given that data for these charts seemingly come from different sources and perhaps reflect different years, are they comparable? What are the methods used for determining comparability of these data sources? Also, the paper talks about two methods: case study of Louisville and Comparative analysis with other cities. What are the parameters for these approaches? A clear section on methodology needs to be included.

### **Specific Comments:**

Those charts reflect the nation's food insecurity issues, and they don't reflect particularly on Louisville situation. Authors need to focus on data specific to the area(s) under study. Proper titles and sources are required. There are also some methodological concerns regarding the data comparability from different sources and parameters for case study of Louisville as well as for comparative analysis with other cities. A detailed section on methodology is warranted to address these concerns.

Comparing Louisville with other cities is a good idea. However, rationale for choosing those particular cities (Detroit, Baltimore, and Chicago) needs to be included. Also, in the analysis section, consider including a detailed table comparing the cities across specific parameters using uniform data to strengthen the analysis.

Revise sections VI and VII as needed.