

Vote to End Hunger Candidate Survey

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Running For:
**San Francisco Supervisor,
District 5**

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COVID-19 has caused a rapid and historic spike in food insecurity, especially among communities of color. If elected, what will you do to increase economic opportunity and food access for our hardest-hit communities?

We need more policies to give nonprofit organizations on the ground more funding to support seniors and our disadvantaged youth. I will create a COVID-19 Taskforce for small businesses to preserve them and create incentives for communities of color to bring businesses to our city and establish more job opportunities. I would redirect funds from the SFPD in our City budget to the Department of Human Services which will help provide more food access here in San Francisco. Being a person who grew up in a family on AFDC in the 1970s I know personally going without food and fewer opportunities.

San Francisco ranks 46th of 58 counties in enrolling eligible people in the CalFresh program. If elected, what actions will you take to improve CalFresh program access and utilization?

A big problem with CalFresh is that more people just assumed they don't qualify. I will ensure people know more about the CalFresh program. I also think we need to improve the online website of CalFresh because people complain about all of the times of technical issues. We got to remember our seniors need more assistance to access the CalFresh program.

Food insecurity is a major contributor to poor health and higher healthcare costs. What steps or legislative actions would you take to ensure that food insecure people with diet-related diseases have access to nutritious food?

I believe free Medicare for all which is one of the values of Bernie Sanders. We must fight to keep Obamacare which unfortunately is being undermined by our president Donald Trump's administration. The steps I would take is to pressure our State and the Federal government to invest and allow more funds available on a county by county level as needed.

In SF and Marin, 1 in 5 people experience food insecurity. What other steps or legislative actions would you take to address poverty and hunger in your community?

Families have suffered dearly during this COVID-19 pandemic. I have personally volunteered for the last six months to deliver free food to seniors in low-income housing in District five. I will push for emergency legislation here in San Francisco to redirect funds to support Food Bank like SF-Marin and push for a COVID-19 Taskforce that will work closely with the Dept. of Health, Dept. of Human Services, grassroots neighborhoods nonprofits to continue food pantries, and pop-ups.