

Vote to End Hunger Candidate Survey

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Running For:
**San Francisco Supervisor,
District 7**

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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?

Economic opportunity comes in the form of having the right skills for the right job. I have always been a big proponent of the union trades as a means to a good paying career. I would promote such careers through programs such as City Build.

We need to expand outreach to ensure that as many eligible users as possible are enrolled in food programs.

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?

I would aim to constantly be visible to my constituents, and by doing so, I can spread the word about the Cal Fresh program. I plan to appear weekly in neighborhoods around D7, and appear at local community meetings to promote the Cal Fresh 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?

We need to do more in early education to promote healthy eating, based on the latest science. Our early education is critical to informing young kids about healthy eating. I would explore legislation to ensure all SFUSD students have education in good dietary practices. Good diet equals good health. Too often, people make poor choices in diet, either through lack of awareness or lack of available healthy food. I would expand on already existing food voucher programs and examine which foods are able to be purchased using them.

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?

Expansion of awareness of Cal Fresh and other programs. Explore urban farms. Promote volunteering opportunities for food programs.