

## Vote to End Hunger Candidate Survey

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Running For:  
**Supervisor District 6**

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**What do you think are the root causes of hunger and what do you see as government's role in addressing them?**

Poverty is the leading cause of hunger - lack of access to healthy food options is another huge issue in District 6. It is the role of government to protect and ensure a basic quality of life for it's people. This includes ensuring access to food, shelter, care, and economic opportunities / support. To that end, it is the job of the local government to help address poverty and help mitigate the impacts of poverty through policy work and funding.

**The Food Bank believes that access to nourishing food will ensure our communities thrive. If elected, what policies will you pursue to improve food access, especially within communities of color and those with the highest rates of food insecurity?**

As an aide working for then Supervisor Matt Haney, we worked hard with constituents to address issues of food insecurity. This includes helping with street closures and funding so that the SF Marin Food Bank could operate weekly in front of GLIDE Memorial Church. This also meant working to support community partners in making sure that youth within the district who were used to receiving meals at school continued to have access to healthy food. It has also meant working with organizations like Project Openhand to increase funding for organizations helping address food security, but also working with them on improving infrastructure and street conditions in their vicinity so that seniors could continue to access food their and that food delivery was not impeded or endangered by conditions on the streets.

**SF and Marin remain in the bottom third of counties in enrolling eligible people in the CalFresh program. If elected, what actions will you take to improve CalFresh program access and utilization?**

I will support efforts for more outreach regarding CalFresh including through pamphlets and mail, but also through ensuring that we adequately staff our social services and fund our social services organizations so that they can effectively do this work.

**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?**

I will fight to get more healthy affordable food in our District. I have helped support the establishment of farmer's markets and food banks in our district. I would also like to see more affordable grocery stores and healthy food markets throughout the South of Market and on Treasure Island.