

We believe that hunger is a solvable problem, and our State Policy Agenda is a key element of our commitment to advocating for just, equitable public policies that address the root causes of hunger.

State policy is an incredibly powerful avenue for effective and sustainable change at the local level. Each member of our community can have a role to play in advancing our policy priorities - whether it be gaining new knowledge and understanding of an issue, mobilizing colleagues and friends to take action, or raising their own voice in support.

Invest in Food Banks to Meet the Need Today

CalFood — \$60M annual funding to enable food banks to purchase CA-grown products

Food Bank Capacity & Climate Resilience Infrastructure — \$180M one-time funding to increase food banks' ability to serve our communities at scale

Protect and Strengthen the Social Safety Net

CALFRESH

SB 600 (Menjivar) — Improve benefit adequacy by increasing the minimum CalFresh benefit level from \$23 to \$50

AB 712 (Carillo) — Increase choice and access by allowing CalFresh recipients to purchase ready-to-eat hot and prepared foods at grocery stores

AB 605 (Arambula) — Extend CA Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot to increase the purchasing power of CalFresh benefits

SB 245 (Hurtado) / AB 311 (Santiago): Food4All — Expand CA Food Assistance Program to provide food benefits to all income-eligible people, regardless of immigration status

Protect Californians on CalFresh from Federal ABAWD Time-Limit Rules — Create California Anti-Hunger Response (CARE) Benefits: \$3M (one-time)



TAX CREDITS

AB 1128 (Santiago) — Expand the Young Child Tax Credit to all CalEITC-eligible households

AB 1498 (Gipson) — Raise the minimum CalEITC credit to \$300

SCHOOL & CHILDCARE MEALS

SB 348 (Skinner) — Build on success of School Meals for All by strengthening student nutrition programs including meals and Summer EBT

AB 679 (Wicks): Food with Care — End the discriminatory reimbursement rate gap that underpays and undervalues family childcare home providers serving healthy meals to kids in their care

MEDI-CAL

AB 1644 (Bonta) — Make medically supportive food and nutrition plans covered benefits under the Medi-Cal program, allowing doctors to prescribe healthy food to Medi-Cal patients

Ensure Equal Opportunity to Thrive for All Californians

Protect Assistance for Seniors and People with Disabilities — Improve benefit adequacy for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) by ensuring annual grant increases and establish grants at the Elder Economic Index

SB 225 (Caballero) — Create the Community Anti-Displacement and Preservation Program (CAPP) to support the acquisition and preservation of unsubsidized affordable housing and its stewardship as permanently affordable

SB 567 (Durazo) — Build on existing law to better protect California's low-income renters from unjust evictions and exorbitant rent increases

Promote Sustainable Food Systems

Farmer's Market Nutrition incentives — \$35M one-time to ensure continued support of the California Nutrition Incentive Program including programs like Market Match

AB 408 (Wilson) — Support the funding of climate-resilient Farms, sustainable healthy food access, and farmworker protection via a 2024 state bond measure

Learn more about our advocacy priorities in our full [Policy Platform](#).
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