

Candidate Hunger Action Challenge

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

Hunger is a multifaceted issue that affects many people and it's something we need to address urgently and with compassion. At the heart of the problem of hunger is poverty, as individuals lacking financial resources struggle to afford adequate food.

Every person in San Francisco should be able to get the food they need. As Supervisor, I want to tackle the problem of hunger in our City by investing in food banks and grocery distribution programs, including grocery delivery programs that serve the disabled and elderly. I will promote policies that create jobs with fair wages and invest in job training programs because when we lift people out of poverty we help put an end to their hunger.

If elected, how would you ensure coordination between the multiple government departments that fund and administer food assistance programs?

As Supervisor I will work to ensure consistency and efficiency across our food assistance departments and programs to improve outcomes. Clear objectives, performance metrics and oversight will ensure programs are effective and help us identify areas for improvement. I will support streamlining and simplifying the application process to make it easier for people to access the help they need without having to navigate bureaucratic obstacles.

Additionally, I will engage with community organizations, non-profits, and other stakeholders who work on the ground to understand what is needed and where we can improve. Their input can provide valuable insights and help ensure our programs are meeting the actual needs of those they serve.

Studies have shown food can be medicine. If elected, how do you plan to use your position to improve food-related health disparities?

As Supervisor, I will work to expand access to healthy foods. I have experience drawing grocers into communities that need it and I will use this experience to increase access to fresh, nutritious foods, especially in underserved communities. I will be a champion for multiple policy issues that affect food access such as improving wages, supporting affordable housing, and reducing healthcare costs which will help to tackle the root causes of food-related health disparities.

The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank will be closing all Food Bank-run Pop-up Pantries by June 2025 due to cuts in government pandemic funding. This program currently serves 11,400 households, 75% of which are estimated to lose access to free weekly groceries when the funding ends. If elected, what would you do to ensure that all San Franciscans have access to nutritious foods?

As Supervisor I will work with the Mayor and my colleagues on the Board to identify funding to bridge the gap and ensure services are able to continue. It is not acceptable that almost 12,000 households should go hungry in San Francisco. We must use the City's budget wisely to guarantee access to nutritious foods for everyone in our community.