

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?

My understanding is that there are many causes of hunger in the San Francisco Marin community. My sense is that they vary based on different challenges.

For instance, seniors living on fixed-income may need regular food supplementation and may also require home delivery services like meals on wheels due to their age.

Children experience hunger and providing them with food relief may be best administered through school programs versus home delivery.

Then we have a massive homeless population that requires comprehensive food support.

I believe all of these instances of hunger are caused by insufficient income and a lack of a support network.

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

I believe that the government should facilitate partnerships between nonprofits like the San Francisco Marin Food Bank with food producers like Farms and Grocery Stores in order to capitalize on excess food production.

I think the government should also coordinate with non-profits to understand and address hunger at the city level.

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

I would create an ongoing committee to understand hunger at the state level to look at causes of hunger and progress by county and city.

From these studies, I would publish a statewide white paper with recommendations for how best to tackle hunger in different communities.

Food banks statewide are stretched thin after managing a sustained need for food assistance since the onset of the pandemic. If elected to the State Legislature, what would you do to ensure that food banks have enough resources to feed those in need?

I have had the pleasure of volunteering alone with my two children at the SF - Marin food bank over the years. It has been a been impactful for us to see how community involvement can help those who are in need. As your State Senator I will work collaboratively with my peers to ensure Food banks receive the resources to feed those in need.