

CANDIDATE HUNGER ACTION CHALLENGE 2026



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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?

I think hunger is often a symptom of a larger affordability problem. When families are struggling to pay for housing, child care, health care, transportation and other basic expenses, there is less money left for groceries. For seniors on fixed incomes and working families living paycheck to paycheck, even a relatively small increase in costs can make a real difference.

I believe the government has a responsibility to make sure people have access to food when they need help. That means supporting programs like CalFresh, school meals, food banks and community organizations that are already doing this work every day. We also need to make sure these programs are easy to access, especially for seniors, immigrant families and residents who may face language barriers.

However, we cannot address hunger without also addressing the cost of living. We need more affordable housing, good-paying jobs, affordable child care and stronger support for families and seniors. In San Francisco, we should focus both on helping people who need food today and making it easier for families to afford to live here in the long run.

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

One of the biggest challenges in city hall is that different departments are often working on the same issue without enough coordination. Residents should not have to figure out which department or program to call just to get the help they need.

I would bring the departments that fund and administer food assistance programs together regularly with community organizations and service providers to identify gaps, reduce duplication and make sure resources are reaching the people who need them. We should also have clear points of responsibility so we know who is accountable when there are problems with access or service delivery.

I also want to make it easier for residents to navigate these programs. That means better coordination between departments, simpler referrals between services and strong language access so seniors, immigrant families and other in need residents are not being sent from one agency to another. My focus would be on making the system easier to use and making sure the resources we already have are being used effectively.

At the Board of Supervisors, I was also proud to support and cosponsor an ordinance to establish the Office of Food Security Coordination, which would help streamline and coordinate food security efforts across San Francisco.

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

Access to healthy food is a public health issue. Too often, the same families who are struggling with the cost of groceries are also dealing with diabetes, heart disease and other chronic health conditions. We should be doing more to connect our food assistance and health care systems instead of treating them as separate issues.

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At the city level, I would work with the Department of Public Health to identify where food insecurity and diet-related health disparities are highest and develop a coordinated plan to target resources to those communities. I would push the city to expand partnerships between public health clinics, food assistance providers and community organizations so that when a patient is identified as food insecure, they can be directly connected to healthy food resources instead of being handed a list of programs to navigate on their own.

I would also look at how we can use existing city grants and contracts to expand programs such as medically tailored meals, fresh produce programs and nutrition services, while setting clear goals for how many residents we are reaching and whether those resources are getting to the communities with the greatest need.

For District 4, that also means making sure seniors, immigrant families and residents with limited English proficiency can actually use these programs. We need strong language access, culturally appropriate food options and partnerships with trusted neighborhood organizations.

If access to nutritious food can prevent illness and help people stay healthier, the city should treat that as part of our public health strategy, measure whether our investments are working and expand the programs that deliver results.

If elected, how would you support the implementation and success of the Community Market model? Would you support county funding?

Yes, I would support county funding for the Community Market model. I like that this approach gives people more flexibility and choice while making food assistance feel more like a neighborhood grocery store. Families should be able to choose the food that works for them, including fresh and culturally appropriate options, rather than receiving food they may not be able to use.

At the city level, I also would work with the Food Bank, the Human Services Agency, the Department of Public Health, and community-based organizations to identify where Community Markets can fill the biggest gaps in food access. I would support dedicated funding to help successful sites remain open multiple days a week and expand into underserved neighborhoods, while making sure we track how many families are being served and whether the markets are actually improving access.

I also see Community Markets as an opportunity to connect residents with more than food. When appropriate, these locations can help people connect with CalFresh, health care, housing resources, and other services they may qualify for. The goal should be to make it easier for people to get the help they need in one trusted and welcoming place.

If the model is demonstrating that it can reach more families, provide greater choice, and connect people with other resources, I believe the city should be a partner in sustaining and expanding it.