

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?

Hunger is not simply about a lack of food. It is connected to the high cost of housing, low wages, unemployment, child-care and healthcare costs, and families having to choose which basic need they can afford. In District 10, I want government to strengthen the safety net while also addressing these root causes. That means protecting food assistance, making programs like CalFresh easier to access, supporting community food programs, creating pathways to good-paying jobs, and addressing housing affordability. Government should also listen directly to residents experiencing food insecurity when deciding where resources are needed.

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

As Supervisor, I would bring the departments, community organizations, food providers, and residents receiving services to the same table. I support a coordinated food security strategy where agencies share information, identify gaps and duplication, and are held accountable for results. I would also make sure organizations already trusted in District 10 have a voice in how resources are distributed. Residents should not have to navigate several disconnected systems just to get food for their families.

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 work to make healthy food more accessible in neighborhoods that have historically had fewer options. That includes supporting fresh and culturally appropriate food through community organizations, schools, senior programs and food distribution sites. I would also strengthen partnerships between healthcare providers and food assistance programs so families facing diet-related health conditions can be connected directly to nutritious food and other benefits. Your ZIP code or income should not determine whether your family has access to healthy food.

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

I would support county funding for the Community Market model. I like that this approach gives families dignity and choice instead of assuming everyone needs or eats the same foods. As Supervisor, I would work with the Food Bank, community organizations, and city and county departments to identify sustainable funding and make sure Community Markets are accessible in neighborhoods with high food insecurity, including District 10. I would also want to hear directly from residents using the markets so we can measure what is working, identify gaps, and make improvements. Food assistance should not only address hunger—it should provide healthy, culturally appropriate food in a way that respects the people receiving it.