

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 believe the number one root cause of hunger is affordability. I know this personally. I grew up for the first part of my life with a single mother who worked full-time, but our family still needed food stamps for food and HUD for housing. Those programs were a safety net for us, and they made a real difference in our lives.

Today, too many working families, seniors and people on fixed incomes are facing the same basic problem: the cost of living is simply too high. When so much of a household's income goes toward rent, healthcare, childcare, transportation and groceries, families are forced to make impossible choices. Healthy food is not a luxury, it is a necessity.

Government has a responsibility to strengthen that safety net while addressing the underlying causes of hunger. That means protecting and expanding food assistance, making sure people can access the benefits they qualify for, and building and preserving affordable social housing so that people aren't spending so much of their income on rent.

As a Supervisor, I would support the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank and the community organizations providing immediate assistance, while also working to make San Francisco more affordable for working families, seniors and people on fixed incomes.

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

I think we need to ask the billion dollar companies that do business in San Francisco to be good stewards of this great city. Maybe we can convince them through taxation or, if that doesn't work, through my good looks, that they have a responsibility to give something back to the communities that make their success possible.

We also need to make it much easier for people to find the help that is already available. When my family was trying to find care for my mother in law as her dementia developed into Alzheimer's, it was incredibly difficult to figure out where to go and how to navigate the different systems. When you're already dealing with a crisis, you shouldn't have to become an expert in navigating government programs to get help.

I would work to bring the different departments together with the Food Bank and community organizations so people can actually find the help they need. If someone reaches out to one agency, they shouldn't be sent from one place to another. They should be connected to the services they need.

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

I worked at Other Avenues Food Cooperative for 16 years, so I have seen firsthand how important healthy food is to our health, especially for young children. Food is not just about having enough to eat. It is about having access to healthy, nutritious and affordable food.

We need to make sure every neighborhood has grocery stores that provide healthy food, including organic options. And this needs to start when kids are young. Community gardens, school gardens and teaching children where their food

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comes from can help build healthy habits that last a lifetime.

As a Supervisor, I would support bringing healthy food into neighborhoods that don't have enough access to it and creating more opportunities for children and families to grow, learn about and eat healthy food.

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

Absolutely. I support the Community Market model, and yes, I would support county funding for it. I think the cooperative model can be a great way to bring grocery stores into neighborhoods that don't have good access to healthy, affordable food.

I would work with the Food Bank, community organizations and neighborhood residents to help make these markets successful and look for ways to support more community owned grocery stores. If we want people to eat healthy food, we have to make sure healthy food is actually available in their neighborhoods and affordable.