



2017 Legislative Agenda

BUDGET PRIORITIES

FUND THE CALFOOD PROGRAM AT \$17.5 MILLION.

California food banks need our state to help meet the demand for emergency food. This dire situation is due to a climate of fear that limits the effectiveness of CalFresh, on top of the nation's leading Supplemental Poverty Measure of 20% - including 1 in 4 children. As all purchases must be healthy CA grown foods, CalFood helps our farmers and local economies.

RESTORE CUTS TO SSI/SSP.

CA food banks bear the burden of devastating cuts to Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment grants that trap 1.3 million Californians at 89.7% of the federal poverty level. Many recipients survive on food banks because grants are so low; a permanent level of support for which the emergency food network was not designed. We also call for the Housing & Disability Advocacy Program to be restored, and support AB 796 (Kalra).

LEGISLATION

AB 607 (GLORIA) The Community Resiliency and Disaster Preparedness Act would protect against increased hunger of low-income Californians during a disaster by:

MAXIMIZING OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE DISASTER BENEFITS by requiring our state and counties to seek assistance for disaster victims who need public benefits in times of crisis.

IMPROVING D-CALFRESH OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS by requiring the state, counties, and community-based organizations like food banks to include D-CalFresh in disaster response plans.

PROVIDE RESOURCE STREAMS DURING DISASTERS so our public agencies and outreach providers like food banks have the means to fully D-CalFresh when communities need it most.

AB 1219 (EGGMAN) The California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act would clarify and strengthen liability protections for food donors by:

CLARIFYING PROTECTION for foods past their shelf label date but are still apparently wholesome.

EXTEND LIABILITY PROTECTION for donations directly to end users.

BUILD DONOR AWARENESS through promotion via Environmental Health Officers.

SB 61 (HERTZBERG) The Emergency Food for Families Fund tax check-off would:

EXTEND THE EMERGENCY FOOD FOR FAMILIES VOLUNTARY TAX CONTRIBUTION FUND so an individual may designate a contribution on their tax return.

BENEFIT FOOD BANKS WITH NO GENERAL FUND COST by allowing state tax payers an easy way to contribute toward our goal of ending hunger in California.

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