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FOOD BANK

## 2025 Local Policy Agenda



We believe that hunger is a solvable problem. Our Local Policy Agenda is rooted in community concerns and reflects our commitment to advocating for just, equitable public policies that address the root causes of hunger. This year, we centered our work in the community with the expertise of the Food Bank's first-ever community-led advocacy group, the Food Policy and Advocacy Coalition (Food PAC), which helped develop our [2025 Policy Priorities Survey](#) and Policy Agenda.

The policies and budget investments we're supporting address the concerns raised by our community in our 2025 Policy Priorities Survey, including supporting food access for seniors, children, and our immigrant neighbors and advocating with our government leaders to strengthen the social safety net.

### San Francisco Policy Agenda

#### *CalFresh Access and Community Investment by the City and County*

**Food Bank Ask:** We invite the city government to invest in our partners to reduce food insecurity in San Francisco significantly by:

- **Supporting a Request for Proposal (RFP)** – Allocate \$3,419,700 annually to Food Bank community partners. Funding this RFP will increase capacity within our partner network to provide greater food access, stabilize lives and strengthen the food security network in San Francisco.
- **Invest \$1,000,000 over the next 2.5 years to fund CalFresh mobile services in San Francisco:** This would ensure that critical food benefits are accessible and available to every eligible San Franciscan.

#### *Community Building and Collaboration with the City and County*

To move forward and strengthen food security for all San Franciscans, the undersigned advocacy group of people and organizations, which is comprised of the Food Bank, community partners and members of the community with lived experience, urges the Mayor and the County to adopt the following priorities:

- **Follow the recommendations of the San Francisco Food Security Taskforce subcommittee that reimagine the taskforce.** These recommendations include calls for a long-term city and community coordinated plan to address food insecurity, a community-centered Office of Citywide Food Coordination (OCFC) with an advisory council for transparency, and policies developed in partnership with those with lived experience with hunger.
- **Establish a formal Community Advisory Council with real influence** to guide food policy, ensure oversight, and strengthen collaboration across organizations and City departments. This group should include people with lived experience and community organizations. Members should be compensated for their time and expertise.
- **Strengthen and clearly define the role of the OCFC** to provide independent oversight, maintain continuity across mayoral administrations, and improve coordination between San Francisco's Human Services Agency (HSA), Disability and Aging Services (DAS), Department of Public Health (DPH), and other departments. If enacted, the office should also lead to a citywide review of food system capacity, including staffing, infrastructure, and service expansion needs. We recommend housing it outside of the HSA. Solutions must be developed in partnership with community-based organizations and supported through sustainable, collaborative funding.
- **Develop a unified, culturally responsive communication strategy** that is equitable and co-designed with community members and accessible across languages, generations, and levels of digital access.
- **Direct offices that address food insecurity to lead a citywide capacity assessment.** Identify staffing, infrastructure, and service expansion gaps in nonprofits that address food insecurity. Invest in solutions like staffing capacity, opening and funding new and existing pantry sites, expanding programs like California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM), addressing reimbursement times on city contracts and food deserts, and increasing operating support for community-based organizations. Fund collaborative models that allow organizations to work together instead of competing for the same resources. Invest in addressing food insecurity adequately.
- **Ensure cross-agency communication.** Agencies like Human Services Agency and Disability and Aging Services must work together toward shared goals with clear accountability for implementation.