



August 26, 2026

The Honorable Daniel Lurie
Mayor of San Francisco
San Francisco City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mayor Lurie,

The Veterans Affairs Council wishes to express our appreciation for the newly announced legislation establishing the Office of Food Security Coordination, which comes at a crucial time, as nutrition assistance relied upon by veterans in our community is now at risk.

H.R. 1, a recent federal law revising several nutrition-assistance rules, **eliminated the longstanding CalFresh exemption for veterans**. As a result, veterans who cannot meet the expanded federal work-hour requirements can be subject to the three-month limit on CalFresh benefits, creating an additional hardship for those experiencing unemployment, disability, or housing instability.

Many veterans and other vulnerable residents in San Francisco rely on CalFresh for essential nutrition. This is why the Council was especially grateful for your July 28 announcement of legislation to establish the Office of Food Security Coordination within the Human Services Agency (HSA). By strengthening coordination across departments this initiative will help residents, including veterans, access essential nutrition resources as federal changes make eligibility more challenging.

VAC members would like to utilize our connections within the San Francisco veterans community to help connect veterans with available food-assistance programs and resources of the Office of Food Security. If a representative from the Mayor's Office or an appropriate program staff member would be interested in sharing information about these services, the Council would welcome the opportunity to provide a platform at an upcoming VAC meeting. A brief overview would help ensure veterans are informed about the support available to them.

The Council is grateful for the City's ongoing support of San Francisco's veterans and appreciates any opportunity to raise awareness of assistance programs. To coordinate inclusion on an upcoming VAC meeting, please contact Council Secretary Mary Murphy at mary.c.murphy@sfgov.org.

Respectfully,

San Francisco Veterans Affairs Council
City and County of San Francisco