



We believe every child, adult and senior should have the opportunity to reach their full potential and live vibrant, productive lives. Our community, and our economy, must be inclusive of all.

Centered on these beliefs, our team works year-round with every level of government to end poverty and inequity. Whether we're giving testimony at state budget hearings or hosting educational events to inspire action, we rely on a powerful group of community advocates and volunteers to amplify all of our voices.

The movement is stronger with you in it. [Join us.](#)

DEMOCRATIZATION, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Only by directly confronting racism will we realize our shared vision of an Alameda County where everyone can thrive.

As a Food Bank, we continue to challenge ourselves, government institutions, and community partners to advance policies that address the intersectional nature of who experiences and does not experience hunger. Therefore, we pursue policies that promote economic inclusion, democracy, and racial justice.



State Advocacy

School Meals for All – Provide free meals to all K-12 public school students in California without any burdensome application process.

Improve Access to CalFresh – SB 107 (Wiener) Simplifies the CalFresh application for older adults and people living with disabilities and allows participants to complete the application and other forms by phone.

Emergency Food Benefits for Immigrants – AB 221 (Santiago) Provides emergency food benefits for immigrants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic who are excluded from federal aid.

Food For All Campaign – SB 464 (Hurtado) Provides permanent nutrition benefits for all ineligible for CalFresh solely due to immigration status.

Dignity for SSI Recipients 1) Include SSI recipients in all future Golden State Stimulus payments; 2) Restore SSP grants so that they meet the Elder Economic Index; and 3) Fulfill the “hold harmless” goal of the Supplemental Nutrition Benefit and Transitional Nutrition Benefit by preventing recipients from churning off the program and by providing replacement benefits during disasters.

Master Plan for Aging Fully fund and implement Initiatives in the state’s Master Plan for Aging under Goal 5 “Affordable Aging” and Strategy C “Protection from Poverty & Hunger.”

Funding for Food Banks during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond 1) \$110 million one-time allocation for emergency food boxes; 2) \$32 million one-time allocation to build climate and disaster resilience; and 3) \$150 million one-time allocation to fund capacity enhancements.

Food Prescriptions – AB 368 (Arambula) Addresses racial health disparities by establishing a pilot program to provide medically-supportive food to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Affordable Housing – SB 5 (Atkins) Issues bonds to fund affordable housing and homeownership programs.

Food with Care Increase state funding for providers to compensate for the increased cost of food and foodservice during the pandemic and during the recovery.



Federal Advocacy

Universal School Meals Program Act (S. 2609/H.R. 4684) – Guarantees free meals to all public school students regardless of income, eliminates school meal debt, and strengthens local economies by incentivizing local food procurement.

Improving Access to Nutrition Act – H.R. 1753 (Lee) Lifts SNAP’s three-month time limit and ensures that all people have access to nutrition assistance and stay healthy while seeking full-time work.

Raise the Wage Act Gradually increases the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025.

For The People Act – S. 1 Protects and expands the right to vote, ends partisan and racial gerrymandering, and limits the power of big money in elections.

John Lewis Voter Rights Act – H.R. 4 Restores the full protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and establishes safeguards against voter suppression.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) food purchases \$900 million to meet record, ongoing community demand and prevent a federal food cliff. \$100 million as authorized in the Farm Bill for TEFAP Storage and Distribution.

EQUITY IN FOOD BANK PURCHASING

Our work is rooted in the soil. People depend on food banks, and food banks depend on farmers and farm workers. It is our responsibility to invest in this relationship with an equity lens. ACCFB is projected to spend \$21 million in procurement in FY21. Our food purchasing budget presents an opportunity to operationalize equity by allocating dollars to Black and Brown farmers.



State Advocacy

Food and Farm Resilience Bond – AB 125 (Rivas) Makes investments in California’s food and farming system, with a focus on support for BIPOC workers, families, and farmers.



Federal Advocacy

Justice for Black Farmers Act – S. 4929 – Booker Enacts policies to end discrimination within the USDA, protects remaining Black farmers from losing their land, provides land grants to create a new generation of Black farmers and restore the land base that has been lost, and implements systemic reforms to help family farmers across the United States.

Emergency Relief for Farmers of Color Act of 2021 – Warnock Provides \$5 billion in direct relief to BIPOC farmers and agricultural producers to respond to the impact of COVID-19 and address longstanding inequities in agriculture.

Local and Regional Farmer and Market Support Act – H.R. 8096 (Adams) Establishes a direct payment program for farmers that earn at least 25% of their income from sales in local and regional markets.

REDISTRIBUTION OF POWER & RESOURCES

Our mission to end hunger will not happen by way of charity but through collective action to abolish systems that allow it to persist, even if it costs us our privilege, influence, and comfort. We welcome partnerships and support policy that is unflinching about dismantling racism and are prepared to redistribute power and resources to that end.



State Advocacy

California Universal Basic Income Program – AB 65 (Low) Requires the Franchise Tax Board to administer the California Universal Basic Income (CalUBI) Program, under which a California resident who is 18 years of age or older and who meets specified requirements, would receive a universal basic income of \$1,000 per month.

Farm to Food Bank Tax Credit – SB 240 (Eggman) Supports farmers and reduces food waste by extending the tax credit for California grown produce, proteins, and other healthy foods.

Regional Economies and Equity in Agricultural Land (REEAL) Program – AB 986 (Rivas) Provides grants and loans to farmers and ranchers from historically underserved communities.



Federal Advocacy

Racial Justice Continuing working partnership with Rep. Barbara Lee to put into practice the lessons of the Racial Disparities Taskforce.



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