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2017 Public Policy Issues Agenda

Federal Policy Agenda

Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties has officially adopted the following positions on 2017 federal government proposals to further our goal of a hunger-free community.

Protect and Strengthen Federal Nutrition Programs in Federal Budget and Spending Legislation

Work in collaboration with state and national leadership within the anti-hunger community and a wide range of stakeholders to support the nutrition safety net.

- Oppose Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (CalFresh in CA) block grants and potential program cuts
- Increase investments in The Emergency Food Assistance Program food resources
- Protect Child Nutrition programs

Ensure the Next Farm Bill Reduces Hunger

- Protect Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (CalFresh in CA)
- Increase The Emergency Food Assistance Program funding
- Identify funding for agriculture/food industry donation partnerships

Food Donation Act of 2017 - [Support]

H.R. 952, Fudge

Clarifies and enhances coverage under The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (Emerson Act) which promotes food donation by protecting food donors and food recovery organizations like food banks.

California State Policy Agenda

Second Harvest has officially adopted the following positions on 2017 California state government proposals to further our goal of a hunger-free community.

BUDGET



CalFood - [Support]

Would Invest \$17.5 million to enable California food banks to purchase and distribute California-grown foods.

LEGISLATION



Food Assistance - [Support]

AB 164, Arambula

Provides flexibility to meet food needs using the EBT system under prescribed circumstances, such as drought, disaster or federal SNAP ineligibility.

Postsecondary Education: Student Hunger - [Support]

AB 214, Weber

Addresses college student hunger by defining terms used in the CalFresh program to determine eligibility and clarify law concerning CalFresh Restaurant Meal Program on college campuses.

Public Social Services: Disaster Assistance Services - [Support]

AB 607, Gloria

Codifies and improves Disaster CalFresh.



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California State Policy Agenda (continued)

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CalFresh Access - [Support]

AB 625, Quirk-Silva

Requires the Department of Social Services to request a federal waiver to improve access to CalFresh for foster youth residing in institutional settings.

Food Donations - [Support]

AB 1219, Eggman

Codifies and expands Good Samaritan Food Donation Act liability protections and makes enhancements.

Emergency Food Assistance Fund - [Support]

SB 61, Hertzberg

Renews and improves the Emergency Food for Families state tax checkoff fund to support California food banks.

School Meal Programs: Expand Access to School Meal Programs - [Support]

SB 138, McGuire

Requires school districts to utilize Medi-Cal direct certification to enroll students for free and reduced-price school meals, and requires the highest-poverty schools to offer free meals to all students.

Education Finance:

Learning Communities for School Success Program - [Support]

SB 140, Allen

Extends sunset for income tax credits for food bank donations to 2024.

Pupil Meals: Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017 - [Support]

SB 250, Hertzberg

Establishes state standards to prevent harmful treatment to school children when their families are unable to pay unpaid debt to the school food services providers.

CalFresh and CalWORKs - [Support]

SB 282, Wiener

Codifies the CalFresh Restaurant Meal Program for elderly, disabled or homeless recipients in state law. It would require the Department of Social Services to seek approval for a CalFresh Employment and Training subsidized job program.