Food Security Task Force – State Legislative Update

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Poverty
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Alleviation & Prevention

Racial Equity
& Social Justice

Hunger & Health

Tax, Budget, & Nonprofits

Food Systems
What does it mean to be an advocate?
Educating our elected officials on the issues impacting their constituents
Creating coalitions with other organizations working with and on behalf of low-income people
Organizing leaders and people with lived experience from across the state to lobby for policies to improve food security
SB 107 makes common-sense improvements to the CalFresh application process, making it easier for older adults and people with disabilities.

Sponsoring legislation that makes meaningful changes to program administration
Here are some specific bills we are backing this year
Push for equitable policy making
Create a California Office on Racial Equity

SB 17

Establish a statewide Office of Racial Equity to promote racial equity across state agencies, departments, and Office of the Governor.
Ensure Equitable Access to CalFresh
SB 107

Simplify the CalFresh application for older adults and people with disabilities and make it easier to complete the application and other forms by phone.
AB 396

Expand access for thousands of students to CalFresh benefits by increasing the number of higher education programs that apply and certify under one of the CalFresh student exceptions.
Improve Food Access for Immigrants

SB 464
Food for All

Expand eligibility for the California Food Assistance Program, ensuring that immigration status is no longer a barrier to food assistance.
Emergency Food Benefit for Immigrants

AB 221

Provide Emergency Food Benefits for immigrants adversely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic and excluded from federal aid
Make government programs work better for all
Universal Free School Meals

SB 364
Universal School Meals

Provide free school meals for all children with increased access to freshly prepared, California-grown items. Extend P-EBT.
AB 368
Food as Medicine

Establish a food prescription pilot program in partnership with the Medi-Cal managed care plans to provide food prescriptions to Medi-Cal beneficiaries with diet-related diseases.
Reduce Hunger and Hardship for People Aging out of Foster Care

SB 739
Universal Basic Income Pilot

Provide direct cash assistance through a statewide universal basic income (UBI) Pilot Program for the approximately 3,000 youth who age out of Extended Foster Care in California each year.
Ensure adequate funding for food banks
Protect donated food pipeline via tax credit

SB 240
Food Donation Tax Credit

Support farmers and reduce food waste by extending the tax credit that otherwise expires December 2021 for California grown produce, proteins, and other healthy foods.
AB 125

To put prop on 2022 ballot

Put Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond on the ballot in 2022
Wondering how you can get involved?
Here are some ideas to get you started

1. Sign up for our Advocacy Alert Emails

2. If your organization is working on any of these issues, reach out!

3. Follow us on Twitter - @sfmfoodbank

4. Join a coalition – Food4All, CHAC, Protecting Immigrant Families, etc.

5. Join us for lobby visits with elected officials to share your experience
Link to our Agenda 2-pager
bit.ly/StateLegAgenda
Thank You

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