

2018 Policy Agenda



CHAC believes access to adequate, nutritious and safe food is a fundamental human right.

With federal threats to the safety net, we must act to end our status as #1 in the nation in poverty:

1 in 5 Californians lives in poverty when including our high cost of living ([US Census Bureau](#)).

Hunger

- + Provide a **state-funded supplemental nutrition benefit for CalFresh** to restore the erosion to the purchasing power of the program caused by Congressional inaction.
- + Double the ‘Fresh’ in CalFresh: **establish the Fruit and Vegetable EBT pilot program** to earn and redeem benefits via EBT at grocery stores and farmers’ markets.
- + **Expand CalFresh Transitional Benefits** to prevent hunger in the transition from welfare-to-work.
- + Ensure **successful rollout of CalFresh time limit** in counties without a waiver, to prevent hunger among low-income Californians who are out of work.
- + Fund the **CalFood Program at \$20.6 million** to enable California food banks to purchase 103 million meals of California grown foods.
- + Ensure that **low-income public charter school students**, like all other public school students, are guaranteed access to a free or reduced-price, nutritious school meal.
- + Improve the **state-funded special needs supplemental nutrition benefit** for low-income children with dietary restrictions, and expand it to children impacted by unsafe water or lead poisoning.

Poverty

- + Raise **Supplemental Security Income (SSI) grants** above the poverty level and restore the state COLA.
- + **Ensure homeless Californians have a “Right to Rest” and to share food** without fear of harassment, citation or arrest.
- + Establish a floor for **CalWORKs grants** to protect families from deep poverty and restore the **CalWORKs 60-month clock**.

The Food System

- + **Establish a long-term plan to end hunger in California** and create a more just food system.
- + Provide a **safe working environment and adequate housing for California farm workers**.

Who We Are

For 26 years, CHAC has been California’s **premier anti-hunger coalition**: a broad-based membership organization that unites the foremost statewide and regional anti-hunger groups.

