



California Hunger Action Coalition (CHAC)
2021 Policy Agenda — January Virtual Lobby Week

COVID-19 Response & Recovery — Fight Hunger & Poverty!

Support Food as a Human Right

- **SB 108 (Hurtado)** - Every human being has the right to access sufficient healthy food.

Emergency Food Funding

- **Emergency Food & Diapers** - Take early action on the \$30 million in the Governor's Jan 10 Budget, and provide an additional \$110 million toward a total \$140 million one-time request. Provide \$35 million in Diaper need.
- **SB XX (Eggman) Farm to Food Bank 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.

Immigrant Food Access

- **AB 221 (Santiago)** - Provide Emergency Food Benefits for immigrants adversely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic and excluded from federal aid.
- **Food for All Campaign** - Create an equitable nutrition assistance program by providing permanent nutrition benefits for all those ineligible for CalFresh solely due to immigration status.

Older Adults

- **SSI: Include SSI recipients in the Golden State Stimulus** & increase SSP grant amounts by \$600. Replace SNB & TNB benefits in disasters so they hold harmless SSI consumers. Pause TNB recertifications to prevent churn.
- **SB 107 (Wiener): CalFresh—Simpler for Seniors** - Simplify the CalFresh application for older adults and people with disabilities. Make it easier to complete the application and other forms by phone.
- **Master Plan for Aging (MPA)** - Fully fund and implement Initiatives in MPA under Goal 5 "Affordable Aging" & Strategy C "Protection from Poverty & Hunger."

End Child Hunger

- **School Meals for All** - Allow all students to access meals free of charge in schools where federal rules would otherwise make such programs unachievable or unsustainable.
- **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.
- **Provide Better Out of School Time Nutrition** - the incredibly successful Pandemic EBT program has shown the necessity to provide food when schools or child care centers are closed and child hunger spikes.

For 27 years, California Hunger Action Coalition (CHAC) has been California's premier anti-hunger coalition: a broad-based membership organization that unites the foremost statewide & regional anti-hunger groups.

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

