

2024 FAACTS Candidate Questionnaire
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1. How will you ensure San Francisco is effectively addressing food insecurity, promoting food sovereignty, and coordinating efforts across various stakeholders, including City Departments, community-based organizations, and food businesses?

As the new San Francisco Mayor, my new team will empower residents to learn to grow their food and make their fresh healthy food. My administration will empower consumers to plan and think for themselves, no one should be hungry and no one should be depending on the government or any non-profit. I was born and raised on a Farm in Taishan, Canton, China. I was a farmer. My family and I immigrated to San Francisco legally in 1986. I was 16 when I immigrated here. I've lived and worked in SF for 38 years. I am now 55 years old. I worked for the SF government as a Family Social Worker for almost 20 years. My experience told me that the government and too many non-profit agencies sometimes do things to stop people from thinking for themselves, working for themselves, to living for themselves. Everyone is responsible for his or her life choices. Every one of us may or may not face hardship sometimes, the government should not worry things for any individual about their food. If people are hungry or need food, they will go buy or ask for help. Many of the businesses donated their expired or about-to-be-expired food to get tax incentives and, at the same time to feed poor people, win-win? Sure win-win or taking advantage of poor people?

1. What do you identify as the key hotspots or challenges related to food security and food access in your district? What are the top barriers preventing residents from accessing the food they need, when they need it, with dignity, and in a manner that respects their health and cultural preferences?

As a Family Social Worker for more than 25 years in San Francisco, I volunteered in a food pantry before. When I worked in Public Health dept., I gave out free emergency food boxes before. I witnessed abuse by some food recipients. Some

don't need extra food, but because it is free, they took it and then went to re-sell it on the streets, today, you can verify my statement by going to Market / 7th Street and Mission near 7th St, and also other places, it is abuse. The real people who need food should get food. No one should die of hunger. We have Meals on Wheels to deliver to those who are with disabilities. Overall, those who need food, and have food, those who abuse food, get free food to re-sale should be asked to re-pay the values, and stop the abuse. To ensure everyone has food to eat, it is a choice of local availability in the private sector to help out. To protect public safety, we should provide care to the severely mentally ill un-housed people because they are unable to self-care, those are the people who should be taken care of by 24/7 facilities, I witnessed homeless people die on the streets due to hunger and sickness. As a New Mayor in 2025, my team will end illegal drugs, homelessness, and crimes, these three areas related to each other, that are corrupted by career politicians. No one should be living in fear, hunger, or cold. We are human beings and we should care for each other. When I end the corruption inside city hall, I will return the Power to the People, self-efficient, jobs, income, prosperity, and food for thought.

2. Food insecurity often stems from systemic issues like inflation, poverty, structural racism, housing insecurity, and food apartheid. What two or three strategies do you propose to address these root causes and ensure that all SF residents have consistent access to nutritious and culturally appropriate food?

As an immigrant who grew up on a Farm, I've learned it is important to be self-efficient. Thanks to the left leaders, aka, traitors of the People in the White House now, created a crisis in the open borders, fake polls, fake news on unemployment, high inflation, income, and expense don't support each other. Many Americans are now suffering. As the new Mayor in 2025, my new team will re-assess how effective some of these food pantry programs are and how much each family needs between food and rent, no one should be paying more than 30% of rent of her or his total income. Every family should be entitled to a piece of land. Homes for every family. Food for every person. No one should be depending on the government to feed them. My new team will create projects to help people learn how to grow their food. I witnessed many people suffering from a lack of balanced income/expense because of high inflation on purpose. Our nation is under attack by the globalists who want to take down America, using San Francisco as a test city, learn more from here: <https://timetofreeamerica.com/> or open eyes and heart to learn more here: <https://stopworldcontrol.com/>

3. SF passed a historic tax on sugary drinks in 2016 despite record-breaking lobbying by the soda industry. These funds were intended to be invested in the communities most targeted by the soda industry, and this investment was promised to the voters. The legislation called for a representative body called the Sugary Drink Distributors Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC) to make recommendations to the Mayor on how to invest the tax revenue. As mayor, would you accept the recommendations made by the SDDTAC?

As the new Mayor in 2025, many things will change. My new team will educate residents about the lies and the slavery system that was created by many of the deep state cabal career politicians about all these ongoing taxes, and extra taxes on many things. Learn more from here: <https://timetofreeamerica.com/> or open eyes and heart to learn more here: <https://stopworldcontrol.com/Who authorized the bill for voters to vote?> If you compare it to many other cities and states, you know SF is unbelievable, but truly becoming a communist city, operated by tyrants. How many people learn sugar drink vs obesity? My administration will empower people to eat and drink healthy, and stay away or reduce from commercial food and drink. My new team will educate people on self-efficiency healthy eating and drinking. We will have a lot more money to support those who need transitional help due to hardship. But no one should be a lifetime customer of food banks or the government. Everyone should work, and earn his or her income to pay for his or her expenses. God gave us 7 days a week. We work hard for 6 days and rest on the 7th day to honor God's creation. Return to God is one of the ways to end hunger!

4. Please rank the following strategies in order of importance:
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If one is important, then all (1) they are all important.

- a. Supporting urban agriculture
- b. Protecting local farmer's markets
- c. Ensuring the sustainability of small food businesses
- d. Cash-first interventions such as grocery vouchers
- e. Investing in regional food systems and local producers
- f. Implementing better food procurement standards in institutions, such as hospitals, schools, and the justice system
- g. Food as Medicine initiatives
- h. Free meal and grocery distribution

- i. Livable wages and stable income
- j. Supporting cooperative economies
- k. Addressing systemic inequities that contribute to food insecurity
- l. Other?

Are there other strategies that you would add to the above list?

Ellen: My new mayor team will provide reasonable jobs with reasonable pay, make sure rent is less than 31% of workers' income, and everyone should work to earn a paycheck, except the sick and unable people. We will train people to be independent and teach them business skills, so they don't need to work for free for expired or not healthy food. We are what we eat.

5. How do you define food justice and food sovereignty? Can you provide an example of a policy or initiative you have supported to promote food justice and food sovereignty? What plans do you have to support food justice and sovereignty like community-based food programs, urban agriculture, or local farmers?

If you keep thinking people must need you or your agency to survive that is a wrong concept and that is not a good helper thinker. I am a Social Worker. I have been trained to help people until I am out of the job. Food justice and food sovereignty come from free choice and self-efficiency. If people have income & enough money and can buy what they want to eat, why need to depend on "free food" or expired food? Charity food should be temporary. As a pro-life mother and I public social worker, I believe all people should have enough food to eat, poor or rich, we are God's children. In the past, I've advocated extra food/boxes for those who experienced family crises. I believe, currently the federal and state currently have different programs to help local farmers accept food stamps from people on welfare or food stamps. As a new Mayor, I will re-assess how effective our current food programs are, who are the recipients of food stamps or food pantries, and whether are they willing to learn to farm. Are they willing to volunteer to learn how to grow their food? Do we have locations in local areas to promote farming? Gardening to grow food/vegetables? My plans to support food justice and sovereignty with community-based food programs, urban agriculture, or local farmers will be based on need assessment first, survey and visit local programs to find out more. Everyone should have healthy food to eat. Be a smart San

Francisco, 2024 Vote Ellen Lee Zhou for Mayor, together, we will make San Francisco Safe and Clean! Everyone should be eating healthy. Thank you and may God bless San Francisco! www.MayorEllen.com

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In 2013, the Board of Supervisors set a goal to make San Francisco “food secure and hunger-free” by 2020. We are four years past that deadline and food insecurity is at an all-time high, with over 1 in 4 San Franciscans at risk of food insecurity and no end in sight as food prices continue to rise. This crisis is further exacerbated by the City’s high cost of living and grocery store closures, making it increasingly difficult for residents to survive, let alone thrive.

For this and many other reasons, the Food and Agriculture Action Coalition Toward Sovereignty (FAACTS) works to connect the food systems of our city and, informed by our values, builds a unified approach to inclusively meet the needs of our neighbors. In 2022, over 30 organizations came together to protect critical funding that was used to feed over 70,000 families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the direct advocacy of this coalition, we have been able to save over \$75 million in food funding over the last three years and bring together over 200 stakeholders at the first-ever Food Action Summit. Our members’ programs reach every district in the city and aim to provide services and nourishment in a just, abundant, dignified, and culturally appropriate way.

As part of our ongoing efforts to address food insecurity and promote food sovereignty in San Francisco, we are conducting a candidate questionnaire to better understand your positions on critical food issues facing our city. Please kindly answer the questions using this Google Form or by sending your responses to hello@faactssf.org by **Thursday, September 26th**. Your responses will be shared with our coalition members and the broader public to inform their understanding of where candidates stand on these issues.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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