



**Joint Hearing, Select Committee on CalFresh Enrollment and Nutrition and Assembly  
Human Services Committee Agenda**

December 17 at 10am  
Alameda City Hall, Council Chamber  
2263 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda, CA 94501

**I. Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Co-Chairs, Assembly Human Services Chair**

**II. Panel 1: Overview of Food Insecurity**

This panel will provide an overview of food insecurity and discuss programs for families to access food.

**Panelists:**

- Tess Thorman, Research Associate, Public Policy Institute of California
- Betzabel Estudillo, Chief Engagement Officer, Nourish California
- Josh Wright, Director of Government Affairs, California Association of Food Banks

Q&A Time

**III. Panel 2: CalFresh Program Overview, Successes and Challenges**

This panel will provide a comprehensive overview of the CalFresh program.

**Panelists:**

- Alexis Fernandez Garcia, Deputy Director Family Engagement and Empowerment, California Department of Social Services
- Roland Shao, CalFresh Program Specialist, Alameda County Social Services
- Zoe Tanner, UC Berkeley Graduate Student

Q&A Time

#### **IV. Panel 3: Impact of the Federal Government Shutdown and the Passage of H.R. 1 on Food Access**

Overview of the impact of the federal shutdown on overall food access and summary of the changes coming from H.R.1. Note this is just an overview of what is changing, a more in-depth discussion of H.R. 1 changes and solutions will follow in January.

##### **Panelists:**

- Ezer Pamintuan, Senior Policy Advocate, Alameda County Community Food Bank
- Carlos Marquez, Executive Director, County Welfare Directors Association
- Monica Saucedo, Senior Policy Fellow, California Budget and Policy Center
- Yesenia Robancho, Senior Policy Associate, End Child Poverty CA

Q&A Time

#### **V. Public Comment**

#### **VI. Closing Remarks**