

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1734 (Stefani) - Count Hunger Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1734, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Member Catherine Stefani, which will authorize the creation of a two-year**
5 **pilot program that funds California’s food insecurity research following federal cuts to**
6 **the program by the Trump Administration and will expand survey screening to**
7 **households earning up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level, ensuring California can**
8 **track how President Donald Trump’s proposed cuts affect hunger across income**
9 **levels.**

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11 WHEREAS, In October 2025, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
12 announced its cessation of funding to the USDA Hunger Survey on food insecurity; and

13 WHEREAS, The USDA Hunger Survey served as the most comprehensive, reliable
14 source of data for food insecurity and the foundation for empirical research for major
15 analyses, such as Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap that provides estimates of local food
16 insecurity and food costs on an annual basis to better understand people and places facing
17 hunger; and

18 WHEREAS, Research, both at the State and federal levels, has been guided by the
19 USDA Hunger Survey, and the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) fills a gap within the
20 State of California; and

21 WHEREAS, Administered by the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), CHIS
22 annually collects the data of 25,000 households, looking at demographic, income, health, and
23 food insecurity, helping determine where policy interventions are most necessary; and

24 WHEREAS, In January 2026, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
25 informed UCLA that the federal funding utilized to conduct CHIS and collect the vital data was

1 cut by the Trump Administration’s passage of House Resolution 1, an act to provide for
2 reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14; and

3 WHEREAS, In prior years, the CHIS screened for households who earned below 200%
4 of the federal poverty level (FPL), which was about \$64,000 annually for a family of four; and

5 WHEREAS, This cut-off excludes one-third of Californians who live 200% above the
6 FPL but live below their county’s cost-of-living threshold, placing them in a situation where
7 they face food insecurity but do not qualify for assistance from the State or federal
8 government; and

9 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1734 (AB 1734) would authorize a pilot program to fund
10 CHIS and expand the eligibility threshold for households screened from 200% to 400% above
11 the FPL, allowing for the CHIS to examine food insecurity in middle-income families; and

12 WHEREAS, AB 1734 would additionally authorize the publication of state-wide and
13 local data on the existing AskCHIS reporting tool, ensuring the vital data will remain readily
14 available to policymakers combating food insecurity in California; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
16 supports AB 1734 (Stefani) as a means of combating hunger in California; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages timely adoption
18 and implementation of AB 1734 to reduce the number of households facing food insecurity in
19 California; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a
21 copy of this resolution upon passage to the Governor of California, the President pro Tempore
22 of the California State Senate, the Speaker of the California Assembly, Assemblymember
23 Catherine Stefani, and the offices of San Francisco’s legislative delegation.