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Supervisor Wilma Chan to launch ALL IN TO END HUNGER 2020 Initiative

OAKLAND, CA – One year after declaring a [New War on Poverty](#), Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, Alameda County Community Food Bank, and community food advocates are launching the **ALL IN TO END HUNGER 2020** initiative. With more than 200,000 county residents living below the poverty line it will take a collaborative effort to end hunger in Alameda County by 2020. Food insecurity and economic inequality go hand in hand in Alameda County, affecting seniors, children, and the working poor.

ALL IN TO END HUNGER 2020 will be a sustained effort to solve hunger by focusing on food system inefficiencies, public policy reforms, economic development, and community involvement. Currently 1 in 5 County residents are served by the Alameda County Food Bank and 1 in 3 children face the threat of hunger.

“California has the highest poverty rate in the nation at 23.8 %. **ALL IN TO END HUNGER 2020** is a critical part in our fight to end poverty in Alameda County. Residents can donate food to local food banks and grow backyard and community gardens. I will be calling on the state to simplify the CalFresh program so that residents in need have access to nutritious food. The federal government must also expand SNAP benefits and increase funding so that beneficiaries can afford nutritious food. The dollars available are simply not enough,” remarked Supervisor Chan.

“We are creating something bigger than ourselves with this collaboration. Our partners, private donors, businesses, and county agencies are all coming together in concert to meet the challenge of ending hunger. For community stakeholders who are not yet participating, I will be calling on them to be ALL IN,” Chan added.

WHAT: Press conference and call to action to end hunger in Alameda County by 2020.

WHO: Wilma Chan, Alameda County Supervisor, District 3
Suzan Bateson, Executive Director, Alameda County Community Food Bank
Y. Armando Nieto, Executive Director, Community Food and Justice Coalition
Lori Cox, Director, Alameda County Social Services Agency
Jose Hernandez, Office of Congresswoman Barbara Lee
Steve Summers, Community Advocate

WHEN: Wednesday, January 28, 2015
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WHERE: Alameda County Community Food Bank
7900 Edgewater Drive
Oakland, CA 94621
[\(Click here for Map\)](#)

PHOTO-OPS: Supervisor Wilma Chan will be joined by local volunteers in packing food at the food bank.

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About Supervisor Wilma Chan:

Alameda County Supervisor Chan represents District 3, which includes the cities of Alameda, San Leandro, parts of Oakland including Chinatown, Jack London, Fruitvale and San Antonio neighborhoods, and the unincorporated community of San Lorenzo. She is currently the Chair of Health Committee and is a member of the County’s Personnel, Administrative, and Legislative Committee, Budget Committee, and Unincorporated Services Committee. For more on Supervisor Chan’s accomplishments and current initiatives, please visit www.acgov.gov/board/district3 or connect on Facebook with “Supervisor Wilma Chan.”