

Government Relations Update

June 2023



IN THE NEWS: *Second Harvest on the Road*

Second Harvest Food Bank and the O.C. Hunger Alliance were on the road the first two weeks of May for legislative visit season. First, we traveled to Sacramento to meet with our California State Senators and Assemblymembers as part of the California Association of Food Banks' Capitol Action Day. Then, it was on to Washington, D.C. to meet with our Federal Representatives after the conclusion of Feeding America's National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference.

Connecting with our legislators at both the state and national levels is an important part of the engagement work of the O.C. Hunger Alliance. We are able to advocate for policies that help not only our food banks, but our neighbors facing food insecurity as well.

Thank you to the offices of all our Orange County elected officials that met with us to discuss our policy priorities for 2023.



*O.C. Hunger Alliance in Washington, D.C.
(L-R: Matthew Hurley (CAPOC), Malia Cary (SHFB), Mark Lowry (CAPOC))*



LEARN MORE:

[Second Harvest Food Bank 2023 Policy Agenda](#)

[California Association of Food Banks \(CAFB\) 2023 Policy Agenda](#)

BEYOND POLICY: *Government & Community Engagement Program Launch!*

This month, Second Harvest launches its first-ever Government & Community Engagement Program.

The program aims to work with our elected officials and community members to raise awareness of hunger issues, while also mobilizing support at every level of government for policy solutions that address public nutrition and other anti-poverty programs.

Together, we work to fulfill our mission by addressing change in the systems and structures that created the hunger crisis in the first place.

To learn more about the Government & Community Engagement Program, visit feedoc.org/advocacy.



O.C. Hunger Alliance with O.C. Board of Supervisors, Hunger Action Month, September 2022

ENGAGE: Tag California Governor Gavin Newsom (@CAGovernor) on social media and highlight the [budget and legislative priorities for California Food Banks](#) this year.

ON THE CALENDAR:
June 15 – California Budget Deadline