

Federal Impacts on Food Security & Ways We Can Fight Back on the State & City Level

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THE WIDENING SNAP GAP: HOW FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS ARE INCREASING FOOD INSECURITY AMONG AAPI AND IMMIGRANT FAMILIES SERVED BY CPC

Analysis of Chinese-American Planning Council's Service Populations

Policy Brief: Key Findings

| Borough | At Risk of Losing SNAP ² | At Risk of Losing or Receiving Reduced SNAP ³ |
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| Bronx | 15 | 69 |
| Brooklyn | 499 | 1363 |
| Manhattan | 449 | 2046 |
| Queens | 138 | 704 |
| Staten Island | 41 | 150 |
| Total | 1,142 | 4,332 |

About 10,000 community members that we serve will be impacted by SNAP cuts and changes to eligibility with overwhelming numbers from Brooklyn and Manhattan.

1,403 community members at risk of losing or receiving reduced SNAP and 290 community members at risk of losing SNAP altogether reside in Manhattan Community Board 3 zipcodes of 10002, 10003, 10009, 10013.



Protect, Invest, and Expand Food Security Package

Everyone Deserves a Slice of Food Security

Budget Sign-On Letter Carried by Assemblymember Khaleel Anderson & Jessica González-Rojas and Senator Michelle Hinchey

On the Assembly side, please reach out to Melina Grisales at grisalesm@nyassembly.gov or Christian Amez at amezc@nyassembly.gov to sign onto budget letter

On the Senate side, please sign on via tracker document or reach out to Mischa Sagut at msagut@nysenate.gov or Luke Morello at lmorello@nysenate.gov

As federal budget cuts threaten food assistance and affordability, New York must step up, not step back. Hunger is rising, groceries cost more, and too many families are being pushed to the brink by decisions made by the federal government. This budget is New York's chance to protect affordability, prevent hunger, and prove that we won't abandon our neighbors when they need help most.

Investing in nutrition is not a luxury, it's a cost-saving, community-stabilizing necessity that supports health, local farmers, small businesses, and children's futures.

We must pass the **Protect, Invest, and Expand Food Security Package** to ensure that our food programs and systems are protected, invested in, and expanded upon:

Protect:

- EBT Card Transition: Serrano (S1465) & González-Rojas (A699)
- SNAP and Cash Assistance Fraud Victims Compensation Fund: Myrie (S403) and Mitaynes (A3578)

Invest:

- Annual hunger reporting bills:
 - Department of Agriculture, Sponsored by AM Anderson, pending bill number & Senate sponsor
 - Department of Health, Sponsored by Sen. Hinchey and AM Woerner (S8553/A9168)
- NOEP funding at \$8.5 million
- Double Up Food Bucks New York (DUFBNY) at \$6 million
- Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program at \$75 million
- Nourish New York at \$75 million

Expand:

- Raising the SNAP minimum benefit to \$100: González-Rojas (A1318) & May (S665)
- \$244 million to protect 41,000 newly excluded refugees, asylees, humanitarian parolees, and others who are newly ineligible for SNAP and to extend food assistance benefits for 65,000 noncitizen households with children. (González-Rojas & Rivera/Hinchey)

Advocacy on NYS Level

- Governor's Executive Budget:
 - EBT Chip Cards
 - \$3.702 million for NOEP
 - \$72.8 million for HPNAP
 - \$55 million for Nourish NY
- Awaiting one-house budgets!



Advocacy on City Level

- Increase funding to \$100 million for Community Food Connection (CFC)
- Invest \$60 million in congregate meals at Older Adult Centers
- Invest \$27 million to expand home delivered meals to 7 days a week
- Maintaining discretionary funding for Food Pantry Initiative, Access to Healthy Food and Nutrition Education Initiative, and Food Access and Benefits Initiative

How can CB3 get involved?

- Letters of support on the State level and public pressure!
- Testimony at upcoming preliminary budget hearings
- Citywide actions:
 - PIE Day of Action: March 14th at CPC One (45 Suffolk Street)

Any additional questions or want to connect?

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