



Ensuring Opportunity Campaign to End Poverty in Contra Costa

Candidate Survey on Poverty Issues:

Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, District 5

The Ensuring Opportunity Campaign is a collaborative, cross-sector effort to end poverty in Contra Costa County by addressing structural causes at the policy level. As part of our campaign we distributed a survey to candidates on their approach to policy strategies that help residents who are struggling to get ahead. Below are their responses. Please note that as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, we cannot support or oppose any candidate for public office. These survey answers are meant to serve as a resource for voters.

Below is a list of strategies that support low-income working families. How important do you believe each of these strategies is to supporting low-income working families in your community? *(Not at all important, Moderately important, or Extremely important)*

	Anamarie Avila Farias	Federal Glover <i>(Did not respond)</i>
Increase local minimum wage to ensure workers earn a living wage.	Extremely important	
Strengthen and increase access to safety net services, such as CalFresh (food stamps), SSDI (disability benefits), health care coverage, EITC (tax credit for low-income workers), and CalWORKs (welfare to work).	Extremely important	
Promote and expand child care tax credits, renter's credits, and other tax credits that directly impact low-wage workers.	Extremely important	
Ensure worker protections and community benefits, such as project-specific community benefit agreements (to ensure living wage, local hiring, etc.)	Extremely important	
Other (please specify) or comments:		

Below are five commonly recognized policy strategies to end hunger. How important do you believe each of these is to ending hunger in your community? (Not at all important, Moderately important, or Extremely important)

	Anamarie Avila Farias	Federal Glover <i>(Did not respond)</i>
Strengthen the capacity of emergency food assistance networks, such as local food banks	Extremely important	
Streamline and improve participation in the nutrition assistance program CalFresh	Extremely important	
Improve the quality and accessibility of child nutrition programs, including school breakfast and lunch, summer meals, and the supplemental nutrition assistance program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	Extremely important	
Dismantle “food deserts” (areas in which it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food) by developing accessible and affordable avenues through which people can purchase nutritious foods	Extremely important	
Address the underlying socio-economic factors that give rise to poverty and hunger	Extremely important	
Other (please specify) or comments:		

Below is a list of strategies to address housing insecurity. How important do you believe each of these strategies is to meeting the housing needs of your community? (Not at all important, Moderately important, or Extremely important)

	Anamarie Avila Farias	Federal Glover <i>(Did not respond)</i>
Promote efforts to dedicate land permanently to affordable housing (low- and moderate-income)	Extremely important	
Create a permanent funding source to support the development of affordable housing	Extremely important	
Support Community Land Trusts	Extremely important	
Support the Housing First approach, which prioritizes providing housing to homeless residents as quickly as possible and then addressing additional support-service needs	Extremely important	
Support policy prohibiting discrimination against Section 8 voucher holders	Extremely important	
Other (please specify) or comments:		

Do you support expanding Contra Costa Cares (county funded health coverage) to cover all adult residents who don't have health care because of their immigration status? If so, how will you work to make it happen? If not, what will you do to ensure that all residents have access to high quality and affordable health care?

Anamarie Avila Farias

YES, healthcare for all.

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(Did not respond)

What do you think are the two most pressing issues for residents in your community who are struggling to make ends meet? And if elected, what will you do to address those issues? Please be specific. (Limit response to 200 words. Only the first 200 words will be published.)

Anamarie Avila Farias

Reduce high school dropout rate - promote education

Develop workforce

Affordable Housing

Adequately fund supportive services for all.

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(Did not respond)