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### **Learn Candidates' Views on the Root Causes of Hunger in Poughkeepsie *Poughkeepsie Plenty Candidates' Survey Results Released***

The Poughkeepsie Plenty grassroots network recently collected survey responses from Poughkeepsie Mayoral and Common Council candidates to learn their stances on key issues related to food insecurity. Survey responses are now available on [poughkeepsieplenty.org](http://poughkeepsieplenty.org) and will be shared via email, media outlets, Facebook, and Twitter. The results are intended to inform voters of candidates' thoughts on pressing issues facing the City of Poughkeepsie in advance of the primary election on September 10th.

All six Mayoral candidates, and 14 out of 17 of Common Council candidates, submitted responses before the survey deadline. Issues and questions were identified by community members via research and forums. Questions asked candidates to comment on how food insecurity undermines revitalization of our city; whether they would support a passage of a living wage ordinance and food security resolution; how they would support improved transportation, healthy food at corner stores, and the Poughkeepsie Plenty Fresh Market (a mobile fresh produce store selling affordable items at several sites in the city), among others.

"We believe that food insecurity affects everyone in our city, regardless of whether or not they have enough to eat. As a community, we must work together to address it. That is why we are circulating this questionnaire – to make hunger an election-year issue and to identify steps our city's leaders can take to make food security a reality in Poughkeepsie," said Susan Grove, Co-Convener of Poughkeepsie Plenty and a Poughkeepsie city first ward resident.

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*Poughkeepsie Plenty is a grassroots network of community members and organizations working to build a diverse movement for change to address the underlying cause of hunger and food insecurity and ensure the right to healthy food for all City of Poughkeepsie residents. We envision Poughkeepsie as a food city where everyone can secure, prepare, enjoy and benefit from healthy and nutritious food.*

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