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MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM - 6PM
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LA Food Bank That Works Like a Grocery Store

Opened in Pico-Union, an area where approximately 95% of the students at public elementary schools are accessing free or reduced price meals.

World Harvest operates like a grocery co-op than a food bank or food pantry, allowing people to come in and fill up **2 shopping carts** with as much food as they want **for \$40**.

HOW WORLD HARVEST WORKS

People walk in, they're asked to fill out a form with their name, address, phone number, the number of people in their family and their income. If they don't want to share any of that info, that's fine.

Nobody will make them prove their income level or ask for their ID.

Shoppers pay \$40, either with cash, debit or EBT.

If they can't afford that or need to save their money, they can arrange to work at the store for four hours — sorting, cleaning, stocking shelves, greeting people, making baskets, sweeping the floor.

When they're ready to shop, they get a cart and they go through the market to pick out whatever produce they want, approximately two-thirds of which is organic.

You want one potato? Cool. 10 potatoes? Fine. 30 potatoes? No problem.

Shoppers then go to a station where they receive the "catch of the day," usually seafood or another meat.



