



Candidate Questionnaire October 2018

Food Lifeline’s goal is to elevate the issue of hunger with candidates during the election cycle. Each candidate for state and federal office received our questionnaire. For every candidate that replied, their original responses are presented as submitted. See results at foodlifeline.org/advocacy.

Kyle Paskewitz	Candidate for Washington State House of Representatives, District 27, Position 1 (Tacoma)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	I understand that the primary cause of food insecurity is lack of employment and resources. Non-profit organizations and charities help with short term relief, while programs to ensure long term housing and jobs help address long term solutions. If elected I will work hard to bring more jobs into my district, reduce the cost of housing, and support charitable programs that seek to provide long term solutions to poverty, homelessness, and hunger.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	Ensuring that children have access to adequate food and nutrition in their homes is my priority. I would also suggest that in schools where low income students are unable to purchase regular meals or bring lunches from home that schools partner with non-profits that can supplement their programs to offer reduced or no cost options to the students who need them.
Food insecurity is a major contributor to poor health and higher healthcare costs, what steps or legislative actions would you take to help food insecure people with chronic diseases, like diabetes, have access to nutritious food?	Access to nutritious food is important for all of us, especially those with special health considerations. Non-profit and charitable organizations need to be provided adequate guidance on how to distribute a healthy balance of foods, as well as receive the resources necessary to deliver the best options possible to those in need of services. Producers of healthy food choices need to be engaged with organizations that deliver food resources and made aware of incentives that will encourage them to help fill these needs.

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