



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.

Sasha Bentley	Candidate for Washington State House of Representatives, District 14, Position 1 (White Salmon)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	My focus is collaboration to address the root causes of our problems. Investing in education for all, starting as young as possible, is important. Supporting our existing food bank program is important to me and I’d like to see it grow to serve rural areas better.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	Making sure kids are fed healthy meals at school is a priority of mine because I’ve actually heard from children wanting to see this happen in their schools. Strengthening our education system so schools with high-poverty students are provided more resources is important to me as well.
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?	I would like to partner with local farmers to provide fresh produce and more nutritious food. Food banks can provide cooking classes and other nutritional support.

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