



# 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](http://foodlifeline.org/advocacy).

<b>Sharon Shewmake</b>	<b>Candidate for Washington State House of Representatives, District 42, Position 2 (Bellingham)</b>
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	Pre-school for every 3 and 4 year old, Fund the Housing Trust fund and the Working Families Tax Rebate, reform our tax system to be more fair and not as burdensome on the poor.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	Many of the things mentioned above. I'm an economist, the best way to fight poverty is to get money into the hands of the poor.
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?	Generally helping everyone with anti-poverty programs, but I would like to find ways to support local projects such as Unity Care NW in my district which is writing prescriptions for vegetables.

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