



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.

Chukundi Salisbury	Candidate for State Representative, District 37, Position 2 (Seattle)
<p>In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?</p>	<p>It's incredibly critical that kids do not hungry, as a legislator I will push aggressively to remedy this. I've seen in my work with 100 Black Parents, that getting kids the nutritional support they need is vital. The fact that Washington is 45th in the country is unconscionable. I think it's also important we address food deserts, areas of our district continue to be plagued by a lack of access to good food. A large amount of this is a legacy of systematic racism, as areas with high amounts of African Americans were systematically ignored or redlined.</p>
<p>If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome racial inequities?</p>	<p>We need to place Black and Brown folk at the center of these conversations. Too often we have these great programs, but we see them continue to be unfunded and our communities are left behind. For years, Skyway, which is home to the highest percentage of African Americans in the state, was intentionally neglected by the county and state as a method to force annexation. In the case of the Earned Income Tax Credit, People of Color and Women of Color, for once, disproportionately benefit from it. Yet the state continues to not fund it. We can not allow that kind of systematic racism to continue. As a legislator, I really want to see the impact meet the intent on this budget. I want to take a lead in fighting to reduce hunger among communities of color.</p>
<p>How will you address the role of government and taxes during your campaign and address this issue in the legislature should you be elected? Specifically, are you supportive of tax code reform? Taxing capital gains in Washington state? And funding the state’s Working Families Tax Credit?</p>	<p>We have the most regressive tax system in the county. I have centered my campaign around tax equity. I want to see capital gains tax implemented in WA. Billionaires have made 845 billion in profit during the first six months of this pandemic and Boeing has shown despite billions in tax breaks, they are still leaving. We should implement an income tax on the wealthy and close corporate loopholes and not increase taxes on working families. I also believe the Working families' tax credit program is big part of the recovery. The Earned Income Tax Credit helps lift more families with children out of poverty than any other federal program. The fact that Washington has failed to fully fund its</p>

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	<p>part of the equation is a disgrace. I want to see this funded and I want to see our correctional budget reduced, tax loopholes for corporations closed, and an income taxes on the wealthy used to fund Working families' tax credit. I would also like to take a moment, and recognize the need to place Black and Brown folk at the center of these conversations. Too often we have these great programs, but we see them continue to be unfunded and our communities are left behind. For years, Skyway, which is home to the highest percentage of African Americans in the state, was intentionally neglected by the county and state as a method to force annexation. In the case of the Earned Income Tax Credit, People of Color and Women of Color, for once, disproportionately benefit from it. Yet the state continues to not fund it. We can not allow that kind of systematic racism to continue. As a legislator, I really want to see the impact meet the intent on this budget.</p>
<p>Please describe policies and investments you would support to improve farm worker rights and living conditions, if you are elected?</p>	<p>We need to fight to improve the living standards of our farmworkers. First of all, we need to strengthen protections of undocumented individuals, who make up a significant number of farm workers. I want to see a fund created to help them recover from the COIVD downturn. I want to see the Working Families Tax Credit, TANF fully funded and 100 million appropriated for the housing trust fund.</p>
<p>If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?</p>	<p>I am very interested in measures to reduce poverty. These include the Working Families Tax Credit, strengthening unions, and revising our regressive tax code to reduce the tax burden on working families. To alleviate hunger I want to see funding protected and expanded for state food assistance programs, food banks, and other nutritional programs.</p>
<p>Yes/No Section</p>	
<p>If elected, will you insist proposed laws, bills, policies, and practices be evaluated for racial justice and equity?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Will you commit to implementing the state Food Policy Forum's recommendations to mitigate the agricultural symptoms of climate change and to help farmers adapt?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Will you commit to supporting</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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efforts to reduce wasted food if you are elected?

Do you believe that every human being deserves physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets their food preferences and dietary needs for an active and healthy life?

Yes

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