



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.

Helen Price Johnson	Candidate for State Senator, District 10 (Clinton)
<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>As Senator, I will support legislation that combats childhood poverty and hunger, such as the state nutrition assistance programs. I support Food Lifeline's advocacy and distribution programs that help local communities and food banks obtain nutritious food from many sources for distribution to children and families in need. Food insecurity is increasing in our communities during this economic downturn and COVID-19 pandemic and this directly and negatively affects health. Funding must be available to support nutrition assistance programs especially for vulnerable and low-income children, seniors, veterans and the homeless. At the same time, systemic poverty also needs to be addressed to give people equitable access to opportunities. Families need living-wage jobs, housing stability, equitable education for children and access to basic health care (physical and behavioral) services.</p>
<p>If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome racial inequities?</p>	<p>Racial divides must be addressed in all policy areas. High-quality education must be available in underserved communities. Early childhood education and food security are vital to childhood success in our education systems. Resolving systemic racism means correcting all areas that create it: food security, health care and housing access, job opportunities and workforce training, equitable education, community infrastructure, and a healthy environment in which to grow and thrive. As Senator, I will support legislation that invests in our families and communities through job creation, health care access and education. I will promote collaborative corporate efforts to offer apprenticeship and internship programs. I also support Community Workforce Programs so that low-income individuals have opportunities to learn a trade and earn fair wages while on the job.</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</p>	<p>Comprehensive tax reform is needed. I support the work of bi-partisan WA State Tax Structure Work Group that will identify fair and substantial revenue sources. As Senator, I will work to lighten the tax burden on small businesses and</p>

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<p>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>low-income families and create sustainable revenues for critical safety-net programs.</p>
<p>Please describe policies and investments you would support to improve farm worker rights and living conditions, if you are elected?</p>	<p>Access to safe and affordable housing is vital for all workers, whether seasonal or migrant or permanent, regardless of their citizenship status. As Island County Commissioner, I have been leading the change in housing code revisions to allow for better options for seasonal workers as well as increasing access to safe, affordable workforce housing. Workers must be ensured of safety on the job. Legislation is vital to protect seasonal workers as well as the environment. As Senator, I will continue to prioritize safe working conditions and increase access to affordable workforce housing.</p>
<p>If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?</p>	<p>As Senator, I will support legislation that alleviates hunger and poverty and prioritizes investment in infrastructure to create safe, family-wage jobs. I will support prioritization of funding for needed safety-net programs and reduce hunger and poverty in our communities. Recovery from this economic downturn is vital to our resilient communities.</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 efforts to reduce wasted food if you are elected?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Do you believe that every human being deserves physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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meets their food preferences and dietary needs for an active and healthy life?

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