



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.

JJ Wandler	Candidate for State Representative, District 7, Position 2 (Spokane)
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	I would like to see the state purchase prepared meals from struggling restaurants to be distributed for free to families in need.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome racial inequities?	I believe we should be making low interest, small business loans in communities of color, and I believe we should be encouraging and investing in green spaces, public gardening spaces, and grocery stores in underserved communities.
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?	I believe it is time that Washington State had a wealth tax of 3% on our wealthiest citizens (earning over \$1,000,000 per year), a capital gains tax, and a financial transaction tax. I do not support any taxes that place a further burden on poor and working class persons.
Please describe policies and investments you would support to improve farm worker rights and living conditions, if you are elected?	Washington state should have a farm workers bill of rights. We should also enforce labor laws against farm and agricultural employers who break or skirt the law. All migrant and seasonal workers should be covered--whether they are here legally or not. If an employer hires them, then they have assumed the responsibilities that come with that.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	We need to make sure that our social safety net is strong and supports food distribution (see tax proposal in previous question). As I also stated in a previous question, the state should help our economy and help end hunger by purchasing prepared meals from restaurants and distributing them to needy families.

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Yes/No Section

If elected, will you insist proposed laws, bills, policies, and practices be evaluated for racial justice and equity?

Yes

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?

Yes

Will you commit to supporting efforts to reduce wasted food if you are elected?

Yes

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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