



**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>John P Gibbons</b>	<b>Candidate for State Representative, District 45, Position 1 (Kirkland)</b>
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	The real question is why people are having children before being married and being financially capable of supporting their children. We need to be teaching this to the High School students EACH YEAR.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome racial inequities?	None. There are plenty of equal rights laws on the books already. In all my years of hiring people I have never taken race into consideration.
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?	First let’s be plain and simple, taxing capital gains would be an income tax per the US Codes regardless of what the current AG MIGHT think, so that is a no go. Second, in this chaotic time I pledge no new taxes on families and small businesses so we can get our economy back up and running. IF, and it is a BIG IF, you were to reform the tax code, the State sales tax needs to be eliminated. PERIOD. Replace that with a State Income tax that for example does NOT tax a single person's first \$50,000/yr(maybe higher) and likewise across the other brackets. And of course have different tax levels. Now, could that pass in Olympia? Has the Governor even said anything such as this? And remember I am a Republican.
Please describe policies and investments you would support to improve farm worker rights and living conditions, if you are elected?	This sounds more of an issue for State and County Health Departments to do an annual inspection of any employer provided housing and to co-ordinate followup with USDA in regards to pesticide usage.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	I hate to be blunt but much of this has to do with making poor decisions. Until that is addressed this issue will always be there.

**Yes/No Section**

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If elected, will you insist proposed laws, bills, policies, and practices be evaluated for racial justice and equity?	No
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?	Undecided
Will you commit to supporting efforts to reduce wasted food if you are elected?	No
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?	Undecided

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