



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.

<p>Kathryn Lewandowsky</p>	<p>Candidate for State Senator, District 39 (Arlington)</p>
<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>I think that our schools have been instrumental in trying to address the needs of their students and we need to look to them for direction for continuing and improving access to nutritious foods to our state's children. They are the people who have direct access to the needs of our state's children.</p>
<p>If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome racial inequities?</p>	<p>I think we need to make investments in all areas to overcome racial inequities. From improving education, improving minimum wage for workers to a livable wage, to increasing food assistance in the home as needed, to also improving food distribution to food deserts.</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 totally need to reform our state tax situation. We need to stop having the the middle class paying the brunt of our taxes both at the state and the federal level. Capital gains need to be taxed at a level compared to what our working classes are paying. We need to stop allowing our large corporations to be paying no taxes at all.</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 all know how essential our farm workers are and they need to be allowed to live and work in as safe an environment as possible and have an economy that rewards them at a level that represents how essential they are to all of us. I'm not sure what the best way is to achieve that goal and I am open to hearing from all persons and organizations with ideas to achieve that goal.</p>
<p>If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?</p>	<p>We need to work on fixing the food distribution issues and also improving our workers ability to be lifted out of poverty. It is necessary for all workers to be compensated at a level that allows them a secure lifestyle with adequate food, access to education, access to recreational time and an income that allows them the time and funds for that recreational time in order for them to raise their families in an environment of</p>

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respect for the work they provide to our communities.

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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