



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE November 2020 General Election



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.

Lori Feagan	Candidate for State Representative, District 4, Position 1 (Spokane Valley)
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	Building on House Bill 2660 which expanded access to Federal CEP for low income schools, I would work with Rep. Marcus Riccelli to further examine the benchmarks in place that may restrict at-risk families from participating in this Federal program, and how to reduce food insecurity to those families outside the constraints of the public school system. I am looking forward to working on legislation for free/affordable child care and pre-K education. Supporting children means supporting families to achieve their greatest potential.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome racial inequities?	Racial disparities in healthcare, education, housing, and economic opportunity are intersected. Using a racial justice lens, I believe making meaningful progress toward social equity begins by listening to impacted communities, and having solutions guided by leaders from those communities but at the local and legislative levels. I believe we must address impacts of inequity early. We know that educational tools can't be utilized unless children are healthy, fed, and sheltered. In my role as a state official, I will focus on making purposeful and urgent changes in addressing each of these human rights issues. We must address through legislation improving and strengthening comprehensive health care including dental health, environmental impacts on health and safety in housing, disparities in educational opportunities, and criminal justice reform.
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?	Throughout my campaign the issue of state revenue and spending has been at the forefront, especially in the context of the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are long-overdue to reform Washington's regressive tax system which burdens low and middle-income families and small businesses while giving breaks to corporations and the wealthy. I believe there is bipartisan support to finally get this done. I would consider a structured capital gains tax, closing corporate loopholes, and funding the Working Families Tax

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	Credit. I will listen and learn from those more experienced in finance and appropriations, making tax reform a priority.
Please describe policies and investments you would support to improve farm worker rights and living conditions, if you are elected?	I will advocate for change of the National Labor Relations Board which since its inception has excluded field workers from NLRB protections. I believe this is a key step to improve the lives of farm workers - the ability to form a union and elect representatives who are allowed to negotiate the terms and conditions of employment and work protections. COVID-19 has added another layer of risk to the work migrant and seasonal workers face. We must invest in oversight to ensure compliance once protections and policies are implemented.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	Closing the gender and racial income gaps and breaking barriers to employment will have a direct impact on hunger and poverty. I'll add that with my experience in healthcare caring for our seniors, I understand that food insecurity and poverty is a multi-generational problem. There is much to do in tackling the devastating economic hardship caused by medical and housing costs, and the disparities in educational and job opportunities. I am committed to being at the table for those important discussions, ensuring our most vulnerable communities are represented.
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,	Yes

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safe, and nutritious food that meets their food preferences and dietary needs for an active and healthy life?

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