



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.

Marcus Riccelli	Candidate for State Representative, District 3, Position 1 (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 crafted The Hunger-Free Schools Act which ensures the availability of free breakfasts and lunches for about 7,200 more students in Washington schools. I want to provide the tools so even more schools will adopt CEP and many more students will have free breakfast and lunch.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome racial inequities?	Communities of color struggle disproportionately with access to health care. Specifically there is a struggle with oral health disease which is preventable. I championed funding to provide dental access for 48,000 new low-income patients. We must reverse inequities many face such as providing additional resources for early learning to help close the opportunity gap, and provide access to capital for small business owners and others shut out of traditional banking relationships. We need healthcare access to address the disproportionate impacts of this pandemic on communities of color. We must pass a comprehensive legislative package regarding police tactics, increased transparency and strengthening accountability.
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?	Yes, Yes and Yes. I would like to start by closing loopholes and implementing a capital gains tax. I also support taxing excessive reserves of Health Insurance companies by taxing claims paid a bill that I introduced HB 2901.
Please describe policies and investments you would support to improve farm worker rights and living conditions, if you are elected?	I supported legislation around pesticides that has come up previously and will continue to do so. I will work with labor allies, farm workers advocates and others on legislation that is crafted to address this. Specifically, through the Capital Budget we need to look if there are ways to increase the availability of safe and healthy housing for farm workers and their families.

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If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?

Make certain everyone pays their fair share in taxes including the very wealthy, work toward ending hunger in Washington starting by completely eliminating childhood hunger (#FoodIsHealth), and we will grow our economy from the middle out ensuring every child has an equal opportunity to thrive regardless of the zip code they were born in.

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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