



**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>Russ Dzialo</b>	<b>Candidate for State Representative, District 40, Position 2 (Bellingham)</b>
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	Our schools have been doing a great job in making food available to children in our communities. Programs like this should continue and will need to be funded.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome racial inequities?	Everyone deserves to feel safe and enjoy access to opportunities regardless of race, ethnicity, citizenship, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, political ideology, income level, etc. People that continue to discriminate need to be held accountable.
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?	Tax revenue will increase when we get Washingtonians working again. We need to create a business friendly state and communities to encourage people to employ people and be able to pay fair wages. We can generate the revenue we need without changing our tax code.
Please describe policies and investments you would support to improve farm worker rights and living conditions, if you are elected?	Reducing red tape and other restrictions imposed by the state will allow businesses to compensate employees at higher levels.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	Giving Washingtonians the opportunity to work will bring more people out of poverty and alleviate hunger
<b>Yes/No Section</b>	
If elected, will you insist proposed laws, bills, policies, and practices	Undecided

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be evaluated for racial justice and equity?	
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?	Undecided
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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