



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.

Tana Senn	Candidate for State Representative, District 41, Position 1 (Mercer Island)
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	Ensuring children have access to food is fundamental. We must continue to expand Breakfast After the Bell, work to include entire school districts in taking advantage of free meals for all kids and ensure that all residents, regardless of citizenship status, have access to federal and state programs and benefits for food.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome racial inequities?	We must support Black and other minority run organizations who know their communities best and can provide culturally relevant services, food and information.
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?	We must pass new progressive revenue this year, in particular to ensure we do not cut desperately needed human services. Passing a Working Families Tax Credit is among the best strategies to reduce adverse childhood experiences and strengthen families. I fully support its passage as well as a capital gains tax.
Please describe policies and investments you would support to improve farm worker rights and living conditions, if you are elected?	Our food industry is critical to our state's economy and to feeding our nation. We must ensure that those who work in this industry have safe working conditions, living wages, and health care. Increasing access to affordable housing and high-quality early learning is critical to keep families and children safe, developing and breaking the cycle of poverty.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	Ensuring families can access the safety net when they fall on hard times is fundamental to my work as a legislator. I have consistently worked to improve access to TANF, developmental disability services, early learning and child care and other proven strategies to break the cycle of poverty. I will continue to do so as Chair of the Human Services and Early Learning Committee.
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?	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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