



Candidate Questionnaire

November 2022 Midterm Election

Food Lifeline’s goal is to elevate the issues of hunger with candidates during the election cycle. Each candidate for state office received our questionnaire. For every candidate that replied, their original responses are presented as submitted. See all results at foodlifeline.org/advocacy.

Cameron Severns	Candidate for Washington State House District 25
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child hunger?	I believe that government food programs through schools and libraries could be a lifeline for families that experience food insecurity. Local governments need funding to provide resources to the community especially underserved local communities.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome structural racism and racial inequities?	I believe that we should fully investing in all underserved communities. Especially ones that are known as food deserts. There should be massive investment in these communities to level the playing field.
Discussion of reforms to public safety and law enforcement are often polarizing but require law enforcement and community working together to focus on facts and agree on solutions. If elected, will you commit to working on these issues and what outcomes would you prioritize?	This is an important issue for me and I am committed to working on this. I believe in a whole community approach to enacting reforms, folks that have lived experience should lead the way. I hope to facilitate and bring people together.
What measures will you support that promote equity and fairness in Washington’s tax code and create more opportunity for community investment?	I believe in shifting the tax burden from the working class and the poor and people of color to the wealthy and upper class. Whatever creative ways we have to do that, I am open to.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	I think a stronger social safety net for residents is the key to alleviating poverty. Affordable housing is a passion of mine and that is one of the main ways we can reduce pressure on families. The new green energy manufacturing sector can be a huge opportunity for workers in WA state. These jobs should be unionized, because good union jobs help communities thrive.
Yes/No Section	
Will you commit to support a 1% levy on wealth held in financial assets, such as stocks	Yes.

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and bonds for individuals of worth over \$1 billion?	
Will you support expanding access to school meals at no student cost?	Yes.
If elected, will you insist proposed laws, bills, policies, and practices be evaluated for racial justice and equity?	Yes.
Will you commit to supporting the work of the Food Policy Forum and its recommendations?	Yes.
Will you commit to implementing the recommendations in the Use Food Well Washington plan?	Yes.

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