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.

Cindy Ryu	Candidate for Washington State House District 32
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child hunger?	I've supported the Food Fighters of the House Democratic Caucus in both policy and funding support, Breakfast After the Bell, and free school lunches for all. I will continue to support those working in the front lines including Food Lifeline.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome structural racism and racial inequities?	I shepherded Rep. Melanie Morgan's HB 1827, creating the community reinvestment account and community reinvestment program through both the policy and funding committees. I look forward to supporting bills such as this on the committee I chair, House Community & Economic Development Committee which considers issues relating to community development; community investment programs; and underrepresented communities.
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?	Yes. I successfully passed HB 2908 in 2016 to establish the joint legislative task force on community policing standards for a safer Washington and in 2022 HB 1815 to start the process of deterring catalytic converter theft which requires law enforcement and community to work together on a particular issue. I will prioritize recruitment and training of persons of color to enter law enforcement so that they may more closely represent the communities they are policing.
What measures will you support that promote equity and fairness in Washington's tax code and create more opportunity for community investment?	I have supported capital gains tax and will support more progressive taxes that are both more fair for working families and also increases revenues to fund community investments.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	Besides state investments on community investments and feeding programs, I will work on increasing capacity building for wealth through small business support, increasing the inventory of permanently affordable housing, and infrastructure investments that will keep Washington state more resilient through other human-made and natural disasters we are expecting.
Yes/No Section	
Will you commit to support a 1% levy on wealth held in	Yes.

financial assets, such as stocks 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.