



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.

James DeHart	Candidate for Washington State House District 35
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child hunger?	The legislature must work with local and federal governments and partners to create meal programs for families in need. Also, it is imperative to create a free lunch program through our schools.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome structural racism and racial inequities?	I would include non-discrimination clauses in RCW in areas of pay, lending, housing, and child care.
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, and I would prioritize new ways of dealing with mental health calls and addiction issues. People should not be criminalized for a mental health or addiction affliction.
What measures will you support that promote equity and fairness in Washington’s tax code and create more opportunity for community investment?	I want the ultra rich to start paying their fair share to ease the burden on everyday people. They should also not expect to have kickbacks when it comes to tax breaks just for building a big box store in a community.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	I will work to lower the tax burden on the poor and work to ensure that public transportation, especially in rural areas, is accessible.
Yes/No Section	
Will you commit to support a 1% levy on wealth held in financial assets, such as stocks and bonds for individuals of worth over \$1 billion?	Yes.

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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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