



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.

Jeanette Burrage	Candidate for Washington State House District 11
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child hunger?	I would work with federal authorities to reduce the number of unemployed parents coming into the United States. We already have send a backpack of food home from school for the weekend programs.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome structural racism and racial inequities?	I agree with Bion Bartning with the Foundation Against Intolerance and Racism. "in order to truly overcome racism in our society we must first and foremost accept the fact that we are all part of one human race, and stop seeing ourselves as interchangeable members of distinct "race groups." This is the foundation of FAIR's pro-human message and approach: Every person is a unique individual with value, and we are united by our shared humanity. And this is why the currently fashionable and misguided attempts to oppose racism by encouraging "race consciousness" and "racial affinity" are doomed to fail. We simply cannot hope to end racism while simultaneously making the flattening, dehumanizing, and limiting concept of "race" more salient, more consequential, and more fundamental to our thinking, our behavior, and our identity.
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?	I would work to repeal many of the new laws passed in our legislature in 2021 and 2022. Family members of current and past drug addicts agree that incarceration has been used successfully to encourage addicts to get treatment. The new law does not allow arrests for possession of Fentanyl, cocaine, or amphetamines for the first two contacts with an addict. There is no system to keep track of these contacts. This has caused an increase in crime and homelessness.
What measures will you support that promote equity and fairness in Washington’s tax code and create more opportunity for community investment?	11.4 percent for the lowest-income 20 percent of individuals and families, 9.9 percent for the middle 20 percent, and 7.4 percent for the top 1 percent.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic	Enterprise zones may be helpful in areas with acute under needed employment opportunities.

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opportunity for Washington state residents?	
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?	No.
Will you support expanding access to school meals at no student cost?	No.
If elected, will you insist proposed laws, bills, policies, and practices be evaluated for racial justice and equity?	No.
Will you commit to supporting the work of the Food Policy Forum and its recommendations?	No.
Will you commit to implementing the recommendations in the Use Food Well Washington plan?	Undecided.

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