



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.

Joe Fitzgibbon	Candidate for Washington State House District 34
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child hunger?	I will continue to advance legislation, like my bill HB 1799 which passed this year, that reduces food waste and helps feed people who experience food insecurity. Specifically for children, we can continue to expand access and reduce costs for school meal programs.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome structural racism and racial inequities?	In housing, by expanding the diversity of housing types available to rent or buy in Washington, and in transportation, by making more affordable modes of transportation, like walking, biking, and transit, safer and more feasible for more people.
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 am proud of the package of policing accountability laws that the Legislature passed in 2021 and 2022 but recognize that we have continued work to do to improve our laws to both protect the public and build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.
What measures will you support that promote equity and fairness in Washington’s tax code and create more opportunity for community investment?	I support expanding the working families tax credit and either increasing the estate tax or implementing a related policy, an inheritance tax. In the long run I support implementing a progressive income tax.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	We must reduce food waste and make an inefficient food delivery system more efficient. We must also effectively resource state programs like EFAP.
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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