



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.

John Zingale	Candidate for Washington State House District 18
<p>In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child hunger?</p>	<p>While food insecurity was occurring before the pandemic, it definitely exasperated the situation and showed us that schools do more than just educate our kids. We passed the Breakfast at the Bell into law, now we need to expand on this to included lunches. While there is currently federal money to help, Washington should be a leader on this and ensure all kids are feed. We can also work to make sure kids are feed during school breaks and the summer. Another thing we could work on is connecting more schools to local community farms with fresh food. This is a win win concept as it provides a consistent consumer for the farmers and gives healthy fresh food to our children.</p>
<p>If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome structural racism and racial inequities?</p>	<p>We need to work towards eliminating food deserts, especially in our communities of color. I am open to looking at new and innovative ideas that can help us do this. I believe that the answers and if we look around we can find programs that are being successful in doing this. This means making sure that all the people so drastically impacted have a seat at the table to come up with solutions and have input into the programs.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Yes, I would commit to working on this issue. It is vitally important that that we work together to enhance our safety. I would like to see more social services back in our communities so that people can get access to the help that they need. This will help with safety so that officers don't have to report to every incident. We need the right services and people going to the right events/people. When the community has support they are safer and policing efforts can focus on building relationships.</p>
<p>What measures will you support that promote equity and fairness in Washington’s tax code and create more opportunity for community investment?</p>	<p>Currently there is a bi-partisan Tax Structure Work Group from across the state, whose goal is to "identify options to make the Washington State tax code more fair, adequate, stable, and transparent." I am looking forward to seeing what their report says and details as solutions to this issue. We need to make those with the most pay more of a fair share so that those with the least aren't hurt the most.</p>
<p>If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic</p>	<p>We need to work to stabilize the ability of our citizens to secure the food needed to survive. I believe we can work with local farms and organizations to do this. We also need to make sure that</p>

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<p>opportunity for Washington state residents?</p>	<p>families and their children that rely on food assistance during the school year are able to access food systems during the summer and other "breaks" like winter and spring break. Just because school isn't in session doesn't mean their needs stop. I want to work with others to find the best solution for each of the regions in our state, as each area has slightly different issues and needs.</p>
<p>Yes/No Section</p>	
<p>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?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Will you support expanding access to school meals at no student cost?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>If elected, will you insist proposed laws, bills, policies, and practices be evaluated for racial justice and equity?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Will you commit to supporting the work of the Food Policy Forum and its recommendations?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Will you commit to implementing the recommendations in the Use Food Well Washington plan?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

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