



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.

Lonny Ray Williams	Candidate for Washington State House District 7
<p>In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child hunger?</p>	<p>If we are going to get serious in tackling hunger we need to restore as much self-sufficiency as possible to the populace. For every head of lettuce, egg, or berry produced at home that is one less trip to the grocery store, and a little less that needs to be shipped into the area. We are facing the greatest food crisis in our lifetimes and we need solutions that cannot wait for a bill. I will be working directly with county commissioners in the district to develop emergency measures to ensure that local agriculture production has the resources necessary to continue to feed the people while at the same time encouraging everyone who is able to take on as much of their own food production that they are able.</p> <p>We need to move beyond the current group think on how to feed our friends and neighbors. Increased farmers markets and decreased regulation on the production and processing of locally produced food is where we need to focus in the short term.</p>
<p>If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome structural racism and racial inequities?</p>	<p>The premise that everything is racist runs contrary to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King. Equity and Social justice are ruining decades of progress that had been achieved in racial harmony.</p> <p>When elected I will restore the sanity to government by doing all that I can to dismantle these programs and promote the self-sufficiency of the individual and the reduction of dependency on government resources.</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>We must understand that all political power is derived from the will of the people. We allow peace officers to act on our behalf to exercise our right of self-defense. We need to peel back the partisan rhetoric and decide what 'We the people' want our peace officers to look like.</p> <p>Regardless of what that looks like, they cannot fix moral decay in society. Communities must come together and be willing to put forth the effort to build communal gardens, barns, fields, and processing centers. A people that work together to feed each other is more likely to work together to protect their shared interests in the reduction of crime. Law enforcement could then be the accessory in the community instead of a police officer dressed like an infantry soldier in full battle rattle.</p>

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	We need to continue to look past the two narratives that are often presented to find out how to support the greatest amount of liberty to the people.
What measures will you support that promote equity and fairness in Washington’s tax code and create more opportunity for community investment?	I believe in the least amount of taxes for everyone. I believe in doing away with property taxes, simplifying and reducing taxes on businesses, creating a flat city, county, state sales tax and force government to live within its means will be an important first start. I believe in a colorblind mentality in government. Government is incapable of making moral judgements. All citizens are to have access to the opportunity to make something of themselves based on their own efforts and the seasons of history.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	I will work tirelessly to increase individual liberty. I believe that an individual’s efforts should not be subject to theft by their government in the form of taxation, especially when that taxation supports additional bureaucratic programs that hinder their economic potential. I will absolutely work to ensure that everyone has the greatest opportunities to feed themselves and thrive on economic opportunities for local residents. I will work to reduce regulation on cottage industries and ensure that every opportunity to improve community self-sufficiency is promoted.
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?	No.

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