



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.

Suzanne Schmidt	Candidate for Washington State House District 4
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child hunger?	Make food available at school for all students.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome structural racism and racial inequities?	By providing food to all students at no cost.
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?	Providing breakfast and lunch in the schools at no cost. As well as sending food home like we did during the pandemic.
What measures will you support that promote equity and fairness in Washington’s tax code and create more opportunity for community investment?	I certainly do not support an income tax credit. I would support repealing the low carbon standardization penalty tax and the cap and trade penalty tax which hurt low income people. They can't afford electric vehicle or even hybrids. What low-income people can afford are older makes of car with very low gas mileage.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	Providing free breakfast and lunch in the schools. Provide opportunities through non-profits like Launch NW for education beyond high school.
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.

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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?	Undecided.
Will you commit to supporting the work of the Food Policy Forum and its recommendations?	Undecided.
Will you commit to implementing the recommendations in the Use Food Well Washington plan?	Undecided.

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