



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.

Yasmin Trudeau	Candidate for Washington State Senate District 27
<p>In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child hunger?</p>	<p>When we deprive food, we deprive opportunity. I have experienced poverty and food insecurity growing up. And it was access to services and school lunch programs that I relied on. They allowed me to thrive along with classmates that did not share some of the same disadvantages. As a result, my policy decisions and actions will be informed by both community and data but always be focused on how we can best get quality, healthy food to the kids who need it.</p>
<p>If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome structural racism and racial inequities?</p>	<p>Racial (In)Equity and (In)Justice are issues that make up our current food systems. This is why we must intentionally use resources where they are needed most. Of course, we have to look at data, like that provided here. Then we have to work with those in community to make sure there are credible messengers to ensure the most meaningful outreach.</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>This is what I have tried to do in my current role as Vice Chair of the Law and Justice Committee. I have worked on bipartisan issues like data collection for incidents an officer uses force, but I have also debated and voted passionately on issues that needed a strong and informed stance. I would continue to do this on whatever topic presents itself next in this space. With a door wide open for anyone that wants to work together.</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>I plan to listen to the recent workgroup that has been working on this issue and some of my trusted colleagues who have been working on this issue already. But I know that we have a regressive tax system and I will do whatever I can to ensure that those with most are paying their fair share and that we lift the burden wherever else we can for everyone else.</p>
<p>If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?</p>	<p>Invest and Mobilize! We need to ensure that people have the fewest hurdles to accessing food. I will listen and see what we can do to make that happen.</p>

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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.
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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