



## Get to Know the Candidates

Vote Against Hunger

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Our mission is to connect people and communities in Massachusetts to reliable sources of food while advocating for policies that make food more accessible—so that no one goes hungry. As such, Project Bread asked all candidates who were not unopposed incumbents to answer a few questions about their views on anti-hunger initiatives.

**Name:** Paul Sarnowski

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**Party:** Republican

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**District:** 19th Middlesex

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**Position Sought:** State Representative

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**Website:** [www.paulsarnowski.com](http://www.paulsarnowski.com)

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**What is your experience with the federal nutrition assistance programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), school, summer, and after school, meals, or the Women, Infant, and Child (WIC) program?**

*None at this time but I'd like to hear more about what the program needs and how I could help*

**What are your plans for working in partnership with those with recent or current lived experience of food insecurity to inform and implement solutions?**

*Work with local municipalities and food banks to not only distribute but also encourage awareness of these issues*

**How would you further ensure that more eligible residents receive SNAP benefits both in district and across the Commonwealth?**

*Review low end tax brackets and contact residents in need*





Would you support using additional state resources to supplement SNAP to either expand eligibility, increase benefits amount, or both?

*Yes.*

How would you help promote Summer Eats (the Summer Food Service Program) program in your district and across the state?

*Make it a priority to include this information in all school related material's especially prior to the summer.*

Would you commit to supporting state legislation that ensures free school meals for all students?

*Yes.*

What steps would you take in reducing stigma and increasing accessibility for households of all backgrounds in access federal nutrition programs and other food resources?

*Provide local communities with additional information on the programs.*

How do you plan to use your platform to dismantle systemic racism and xenophobia, particularly in ways that advance equity in accessing basic needs, employment opportunities, and increase generational wealth?

*Plan all inclusive community events to address any issues or concerns.*

Can you please share your plans to address other challenges food insecure household may be facing?

*Reduce stigma of food stamps for working families.*





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How would you ensure new economic opportunities or programs to help your constituents access basic needs, such as housing or food, are equitably delivered to those most in need?

*Set up information booths at public events.*

What else would you like to share about your plans to address food insecurity and its root causes?

*Talk about it often and publicly. No one in the United States should ever go hungry.*

