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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
LD 40, Position 2
Are you an incumbent running for re-election?
Yes
Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?
I've been in this office since January 2020. No previous elected experience.
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?
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I am willing to be identified with the Democratic Party (except judicial candidates)
Yes
Link to campaign web page and/or Facebook and other Social Media
www.alexramel.com
Term of office
2 years
Campaign manager contact information (name, email, phone number)
none
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Do you agree to not accept campaign donations from fossil fuel companies?
Yes
Have you signed or will you sign the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge (https://nofossilfuelmoney.org)?
Yes

Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (100 word limit)

I've spent my career and my free time trying to advance progressive policies to confront some of the biggest challenges in front of us. I've worked hard for the action that we need to address climate change in a meaningful way. And I've been part of a team implementing innovative solutions to help people afford homes. I've been helping other progressive leaders run for office since 2005. The wildfire smoke in the summer of 2017 made my son sick, and I resolved to step up my efforts to turn the tide on the climate crisis.

What are your most significant accomplishments on environment and climate change?

- helped write the 2021 state energy strategy.
- As a member of the State Building Code Council, I'm working to update energy codes.
- I've worked with a team of legislators to introduce a series of building decarbonization bills (two of five elements have passed).
- I introduced and passed vehicle electrification charging infrastructure planning bill.
- I championed green electrolytic hydrogen policy including tax incentives, COU authority, grants, and support to assure other types of hydrogen (e.g. from fossil fuel) are not supported.
- I've advocated for Clean Energy Fund priorities including creating the rural energy innovation fund, prioritizing massive investment in low income weatherization, district energy at WWU, and helping schools eliminate old inefficient lighting that's also a toxic chemical hazard.
- Passed tax policy guidance to support the development of wind and solar farms and deployment of electricity storage with a favorable (and frankly, just predictable) property tax analysis.

Briefly list organizations, events, rallies, canvassing, referendums, or petitions you have engaged in to advocate for environmental protections?

I've worked for climate justice for the past 20 years, including the Community Energy Challenge (energy retrofits for 2000 homes and 500 small businesses), campaigns to prevent coal export and to stop oil trains, and serving on the Climate Impact Advisory Committee for Whatcom County, chairing the local chapter of Washington Conservation Voters. I was honored to stand with the Lummi Nation on the day their rights were recognized and the coal terminal was prevented by the Army Corps of Engineers. And I helped the Tsleil-Wauthuth build a Watch hHouse to stand in the way of the Kinder Morgan Pipeline.

If elected or re-elected what specific environment, climate change, biodiversity, and environmental justice legislation will you prioritize and champion?

I've been particularly focused on building decarbonization, and ensuring that the transition to fossil fuel free buildings is characterized by justice for workers, tenants and low income building owners especially.

For state office positions, what action will you take to accelerate efforts towards Washington State's 2030 Climate Goals, specifically a 45% reduction of carbon pollution below 1990 levels?

I'll continue to work on some legislation we didn't get through this year. We need gas companies to have a plan to reduce their pollution (HB 1766) and consumer owned electric utilities should be able to help their customers switch to clean electric energy (HB 1767). I'm also looking to advance a statewide energy efficiency program to help building owners make the switch to cleaner, more efficient energy.