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Candidate's name

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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)

US House, WA-02

Are you an incumbent running for re-election?

No

Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?

Marysville Education Association Executive Board, 2011-2014

WSDCC Snohomish County 2017-18 / 44th LD 2019-20

How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?

One

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.callforcongress.com facebook.com/CallForCongress @CallForCongress

Term of office

2 years

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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 have a vision for the future grounded in 30-years of progressive activism that has challenged the status quo doing too little to achieve universal healthcare, confront the climate crisis, empower workers, and make strides in racial justice, and I have led organizing efforts to advocate for these key issues. For the last two decades, voters in the Second Congressional District have not been given a choice that runs against the status quo, and I strongly feel that we deserve to have that conversation now.

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

In the 1990's when I was in my 20's, I recognized the climate crisis for what international scientists were saying it was back then. At that time, I was more affiliated with the Green Party, and voted (proudly) for Ralph Nader twice. While this is not an "accomplishment" it serves to express my long history of understanding the need to address climate change (now climate breakdown). I have also been an antiwar activist for over 30 years, recognizing the impact of global militarization has had (increasingly) on greenhouse emissions. The most recent studies have shown that if the US military were a country, it would be the 25th most polluting country on the planet. We must substantially reduce global militarization if we are to truly address the climate. In my personal life, I have been driving the same Hybrid vehicle since 2010 (270k miles now), as well as having taken advantage of the 2013 solar incentives to install a 4kW solar system for my house. My kids are teenagers and I have participated with them in the Global Youth Climate Strike led by Greta Thunberg, multiple events. In 2020 my WA-02 run was endorsed by Washington Youth For Climate Justice and Sunrise Bellingham. This year I have taken the GND Champions pledge, along with 82 other candidates nationally, who will commit to fighting climate changing by supporting specific legislation: https://gndchampions.com/

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

I have worked within/alongside the Green Party, Sunrise, Youth Climate Strike, and other climate focused organizations, and have been at dozens of rallies over the last two decades for a plethora of causes that are climate, healthcare, racial justice, education, and candidate focused - I find these are all inherently intertwined. In 2017, I organized a march in solidarity with the Water Protectors at Standing Rock, and was able to send them a donation of \$550. I am currently in contact with Line 3 protestors, the O'ahu Water Protectors protesting the Red Hill military installation that is polluting their local waters, and the Coal Baron Blockade who right now protesting Joe Manchin's coal waste burning plant in Grant Town, WV. I am currently working with a local group focused on ensuring breach of the LSRD to ensure salmon and orca survival. I've committed to working on seriously mitigating the impacts of the Navy Growler program on Whidbey Island, and have made campaign statements to that effect (I'm in contact with Sound Defense Alliance). Similarly I'm a 'member' of the Climate Rail Alliance which recognizes the importance of switching rapidly to local and intermediate rail transport for both freight and commuters, in an effort to get cars/trucks off the road. While I was on the WSDCC for 4 years, I was a dues paying member of the Environment and Climate Caucus for at least a couple of years.

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

The legislation I will focus on is listed on the Green New Deal Champions website: https://gndchampions.com/resources/bills/. That list is not exhaustive. I think we need stronger legislation to prevent further overfishing of our oceans. I think we need to completely subsidize a reorganization of our food production system, to mandate new farming techniques, including permaculture, vertical farming (and vertical fishing), and to eliminate factory-model animal farms as environmentally destructive and inhumane. It should also be noted that WA-02 incumbent Rick Larsen is seeking to be Chair of Transportation. I don't want a fossil fuel and MIC funded representative overseeing transportation policy in the age of climate breakdown. For instance, Representative Larsen's legislation to electrify the nation's ferry fleet is merely a pilot program that commits only enough funds to construct one new vessel over four years. Ferries contribute over 73 percent of Washington State's annual carbon emissions, and WSF will need to build three new vessels and replace 13 over the next 20 years. Considering our rapidly dwindling amount of time to meaningfully respond to the climate crisis, this is too little, too late. We must go farther if we want to meet the goals set in the Paris Accord. Being a representative in the U.S. Congress loudly advocating a maximalist position on reducing emissions is the least I can do to serve the district in our shared goal of combating the climate crisis. I have a range of other policies listed on my website issues page for the Green New Deal: https://www.callforcongress.com/issues/gnd

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?

N/A but as a federal representative I will do everything I can to help the WA State Legislature meet these goals.