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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
LD 46 Senate
Are you an incumbent running for re-election?
No
Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?
State Representative, 46th District, 2017-current; Precinct Committee Officer, 1992 - current (excluding 1994-1995) UW YD Chair, 1993 KCYD Chair (Founding) 1993-1995 43rd LD Chair (1997-2002) 43rd LD Executive Board Member, 1993-2004 46th LD Chair (2007-2009) 46th LD LD Executive Board Member, 2007-2009, 2017 - 2020 KCDCC Executive Boardmember, 1993-current WSDCC State Committeemember, 2001 - current WSDCC Executive Committeemember, 2003 - current Democratic National Committeemember, 2020 - current
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?
2
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
https://www.facebook.com/javiervaldezforstatesenate https://www.javiervaldez.com/
Term of office
4 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)?
Maybe
Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (100 word limit)
I grew up as a child and grandchild of farmworkers and laborers, I view all my decisions in Olympia on if they would allow kids like I was to have a better path forward and climate change is an existential threat to their, and our, futures. I decided to run for the senate because the senate needs more members with backgrounds as similar as mine, which is currently underrepresented. I believe I will be able to ensure that the progressive changes we need in climate policy are able to pass.
What are your most significant accomplishments on environment and climate change?
My focus in fighting climate change in the legislature has been in transportation. In the last legislative session, I worked on the Move Ahead WA package that included a \$5.4 billion dollar investment in carbon reduction, including \$3 billion in transit investments. Over the next 16 years this package will help create a sustainable, accessible transportation future for Washington. We made significant investments in expanding bike and pedestrian infrastructure, addressing the harm caused by past transportation policies in underserved communities, and expanded safe, accessible, affordable options for people to get around.
Briefly list organizations, events, rallies, canvassing, referendums, or petitions you have engaged in to advocate for environmental protections?
I have been able to work with many environmental organizations including Washington Environmental Council, Washington Conservation Voters, Washington Health Climate Alliance, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, Natural Resources Defense Council, Zero Waste Washington, Climate Solutions, Sightline Institute, 350 Seattle, Northwest Energy Coalition, and many more in work combating climate change and protecting the environment.
If elected or re-elected what specific environment, climate change, biodiversity, and environmental justice legislation will you prioritize and champion?
My priorities in the Senate will be focusing on the electrifying of our transportation system, expanding mass transit options, and expanding investment in green technology. Transportation is the largest source of carbon emissions in our state and while the benchmarks that we have set are good we have to enforce our targets in eliminating fossil fuels and accelerate to get there as soon as possible. I also view this as an environmental justice issue, past transportation policies have harmed marginalized communities, ensuring a green and just future for transportation in Washington is my goal.
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?
While our 2030 climate goals are good they must be enforced and accelerated. I will push to increase the pressure on our largest polluters to electrify ahead of the targets and expand our incentives for green industries in Washington. I will work to accelerate standards like the Clean Fuel Standard, which gives fuel suppliers until 2038 to reduce the carbon intensity of their fuel, and the Greenhouse Gas Neutral Standard, which gives utilities until 2045 to fully transition to carbon-free electricity.