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Candidate's name
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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
State Representative - 36th LD - Position 1
Are you an incumbent running for re-election?
No
Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?
Not in elected office. I was Chair of the 36th District Democrats from 2011-19.
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
votejeffmanson.com, facebook.com/VoteJeffManson, Twitter: @VoteJeffManson, IG: @VoteJeffManson
Term of office
2 years
Campaign manager contact information (name, email, phone number)
(Coming soon!)
Campaign consultant contact information (name, email, phone number)
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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 been fighting for progressive change since the fourth grade, when I co-founded my elementary school's Earth Club after reading a book for kids on the environment. In my role as an administrative law judge, I resolve disputes that people have with their state government, including denials of public assistance, Medicaid coverage, and unemployment benefits. So I see how state laws and budgets affect the most vulnerable people in Washington State on a daily basis. I am tired of seeing underfunded government and policies that prioritize wealthy interests over working people and our environment.

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

Personally, I adopted a mostly vegetarian diet when I was 18 to limit my carbon footprint, a lifestyle I have maintained for almost 24 years. More recently, I purchased a plug-in hybrid vehicle to limit my emissions and help support EV charging infrastructure. (I cannot (yet!) afford a fully-electric vehicle.)

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

When I was Chair of the 36th District Democrats, I led our members to oppose the coal trains and oil trains that were moving through the heart of our district, risking lives from near-term accidents and long-term effects from climate change. I also helped organize our members, in partnership with environmental organizations, to support pro-environment candidates and ballot measures during my eight-year tenure. Our Environment Caucus also was formed during my tenure.

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

If elected, my priorities would be to start with the unfinished business from the 2022 session, e.g. including climate impacts in comprehensive plans under the GMA, electric vehicle subsidies, and moving towards more electrification of homes and businesses. I was also disappointed to see the removal of the tax on fuel exports from the transportation package. I'd be open to looking at that again as a pro-climate revenue source, and we should explore its constitutionality in more depth.

In the medium-term, I don't think we need to wait another 10 years for another transportation package, especially since this latest one did not increase the gas tax. I would want to prioritize transit and other climate-friendly projects.

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?

(See answer above.) Generally speaking, I will be relying on the expertise of environmental organizations, including ECC, to inform my environmental priorities. I believe the value I add would be to leverage my connections within organize labor to reach blue-green compromises, to move environmental priorities forward with labor support.