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Candidate's name
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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
LD 22, 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?
Olympia City Council 2016 - 2020, House of Representatives 2021 - current
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?
None
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.votejessicabateman.com/home @jessdbateman
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 am committed to creating a future of opportunity and justice for all Washingtonians. From organizing home care workers, to empowering at-risk youth, and leading the Olympia Home Fund, I have worked for over a decade to improve the lives of people in our community.

Before serving in the legislative, I served on the Olympia City Council from 2016-2020. I served on the board of GRuB and the Olympia Planning Commission. I've worked as a community organizer, legislative aide, and community impact director. I currently work as a policy analyst for community health centers in Washington.

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

As an Olympia Councilmember I was proud when we passed our carbon emission reduction targets and committed to working collaboratively with neighboring jurisdictions to create a climate action plan to achieve those targets. As a legislator, I was proud to vote in support of the Climate Commitment Act, Clean Fuels Standards, and HB 1099, which unfortunately died in the Senate.

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

As a councilmember and legislative candidate, I have been proud to receive the endorsement of the Sierra Club, WA Conservation Voters, and Thurston Environmental Voters. I have advocated for restoring the Deschutes Estuary, preserving farmland, reducing sprawl, increasing energy efficiency, and enacting sustainable land use reform to promote environmentally responsible infill development. As an undergraduate I worked as a climate change intern working to identify opportunities for the city of Olympia to reduce its carbon emissions. The first political event I participated in was a community conversation on climate change back in 2008. That event inspired me to focus my work on climate policy as an undergrad, which eventually led to my interest in statewide policy.

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

I am committed to fighting for land use reform to lift bans on modest home choices to reduce sprawl and allow infill development, especially in high opportunity and amenity rich areas. As a state, we will not achieve our carbon reduction goals without land use reform. In addition, I am committed to working to pass HB 1099 and HB 1117 next session.

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?

We must enact zoning reform to create environmentally sustainable land use to minimize sprawl, provide a healthy livable environment for all, and efficiently use our resources. Increasing the production of energy efficient workforce housing in high opportunity areas is essential so people can live in the communities in which they work, reducing commute times and travel costs. We must make our buildings more energy efficient and utilize alternative non carbon energy sources. We must also change the way people travel, reducing vehicle miles traveled and increasing multimodal transportation. Mass transit is predicated on land use policy and creating dense, walkable neighborhoods. I am committed to fighting for sustainable land use reforms to enable us to achieve our carbon reduction goals.