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Candidate's name
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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
State Representative, 39th LD, Pos. 2
Are you an incumbent running for re-election?
No
Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?
No, I ran for Lake Stevens City Council last year in a hard-fought race against someone heavily funded by anti-union land developer PACs, so I do know what it takes to run a hard campaign.
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
Website: www.JessicaWadhams.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/electjessicawadhams
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 believe the government should prioritize service of the community with a focus on people and transparency. I endured adversity at a young age and am using my experiences to help others in my adult life. As a child of parents with drug addiction and mental health challenges, I saw for myself how diminishing public resources affect the most vulnerable in our communities. This is the lens in which I use when working to make our communities more secure by creating safer roadways, better jobs with benefits, a cleaner environment, and improving access to education.

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

Part of why I am running for office is to be able to be in a position to make real, systemic changes in the ways we protect our environment. My greatest accomplishment would be to see significant decreases in our carbon footprint and for our State to lead the way in our country when it comes to green initiatives and practices.

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

I went door-to-door in Lake Stevens to support I-1631, the "Carbon Tax" initiative. This would have been a great way to hold accountable most companies in our state that are polluting our environment - while creating more much-needed jobs in the green energy industry. I have marched in Earth Day celebrations several years in a row in local cities in Snohomish County and always perform some sort of Earth Day activity with my children (usually planting at least a tree or two).

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

As someone who is both supportive of the environment and wants to help create more jobs, I want to champion legislation that will bring more green jobs to the state. Claims that we can't support jobs and the environment are false - we can do both, and they are closely associated. Across our state, I would support legislation to subsidize more homes, buildings, and other structures with solar panels - building more solar panels and creating solar panel farms will result in more jobs. I don't view solar panels on homes as solely a homeowner's issue - these should be resources shared between the homeowner and the local PUD, with the installation completed by union laborers. I also support the state laws we have in place mandating our move to carbon-free energy production and other pro-environmental legislation.

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 would support legislation that promotes environmental jobs such as solar panel production or . If elected, I would work to create a carbon tax for the biggest offenders in our state. I would also work to remove the "carbon credits" that are allowing companies to skirt the ramifications of damaging our environment. In addition, our wetlands and native habitats are in danger due to developers building in these critical areas. I would aim to work more closely with environmental protection agencies to ensure the cities within my district are in compliance and enforcement is happening. I would also like to work with my colleagues on a statewide campaign for environmental awareness and ways for constituents to get involved in their communities with things like clean ups and other environmentally centered events.