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Candidate's name
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Candidate's phone number
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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
State Representative, 38th 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?
I have never served in an elected position.
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
www.electjuliocortes.com, https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100078417817376
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)

My professional career and community involvement has always been community focused. Since working with Cocoon House, a nonprofit that serves at risk and homeless youth and their families, I've had a passion for helping people find ways to better themselves. After two years of direct service at Cocoon House, my focus shifted to telling the story of the youth and families we served to our community and seeking support for the important work the organization did. My career of advocacy, and my unique lived experiences, has primed me to continue my advocacy as a State Representative.

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

In my role as the Manager of Communications and Marketing for the City of Everett, one of my responsibilities is to help educate our community on the importance of our environment and initiatives we as a community need to take in order to support our environment and climate recovery. I am proud to support efforts and education to the public on initiatives such as the Bicycle Master Plan, the Active Connections program and celebrations like earth week and earth day through our rain garden program. Personally I am also proud to be a bus rider, recycler and water conservationist. I also look forward to expanding my environmental work through collaborations with organizations and the community, in order to serve Washington State in the most effective and environmentally friendly way.

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

I was directly involved in Everett Bike Month, by providing input for the Bicycle Master Plan, and helping promote the Tour de EFD.

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

I believe the fossil fuel industry should be held accountable at a greater level for the harm done to our environment and our communities. I would champion harsher penalties for entities who are causing direct harm to our climate. I also want to entice the diversification of food production to include meat substitutes that have a lesser effect on climate change. I will also work to usher in a robust clean energy economy that works to protect our environment, while working to bring our jobs into a cleaner future.

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 look to shift to clean and renewable energy sources with the goal to eventually replace fossil fuels. This would not only help our environment, it would also create family wage jobs for our community. I believe we can support the construction of more energy efficient buildings, transition to a more environmentally friendly transportation system and work with farmers to address pollution. I will support any and all legislation that moves our State closer to our 2030 goals, and will work diligently to bring legislatures from both sides of the isle together to accomplish this critical goal. I will be unwavering in my support to environmental protection and will work closely with organizations to ensure I am knowledgeable about the issues at hand, and am well prepared to solve them.