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<b>Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)</b>
State House of Rep., LD 46, Position 2
<b>Are you an incumbent running for re-election?</b>
No
<b>Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?</b>
Candidate for appointment as State Representative, 2017 (2nd out of 8, Rep. Valdez was 1st) Appointed Acting PCO 2017-2018 Elected PCO 2018-Present Elected King County Democrats 4th Vice Chair, 2018 Appointed King County Democrats Budget & Finance Chair, 2018-2020 Elected King County Democrats Treasurer, 2020-Present
<b>How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?</b>
4
<b>I am willing to be identified with the Democratic Party (except judicial candidates)</b>
Yes
<b>Link to campaign web page and/or Facebook and other Social Media</b>
<a href="https://www.electmelissataylor.com/">https://www.electmelissataylor.com/</a>
<b>Term of office</b>
2 years
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<b>Do you agree to not accept campaign donations from fossil fuel companies?</b>
Yes
<b>Have you signed or will you sign the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge (<a href="https://nofossilfuelmoney.org/">https://nofossilfuelmoney.org/</a>)?</b>
Yes

**Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (100 word limit)**

I am a public school mom, a dedicated community organizer, and a small business owner in the 46th District. I am running for this position because I've noticed that the problems we are facing are getting bigger than the solutions that people are bringing to the table. We cannot afford to wait for progress on solving our housing crisis, building true public safety, and creating a tax code that does not let billionaires off the hook. We can make progress on big issues if we elect leaders who are ready to fight for bold solutions and I believe I can lead that fight.

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

The science is clear on what we need to do to address our climate emergency. We are lacking political will. Because of this disconnect, I have worked hard to organize and elect leaders with the political will to take the steps we need to take to make the immediate progress we need. I've worked with Persist PAC, organized with King County Democrats, knocked on thousands of doors and raised tens of thousands of dollars for candidates with the political will to make progress like Rep. Kirsten Harris-Talley and Sen. T'wina Nobles.

I am also using my platforms, including my political campaign, to advocate for climate action that is big enough to make a difference, including drawing a red line and committing to oppose further highway expansion, to support smart density, including up-zoning single family neighborhoods near transit, and to support major investments in public transit and alternatives to driving.

Finally, as part of my work with King County Democrats, we brought substantial additional attention to the King Conservation District elections so that we could elect climate champions, including Kirstin Haugen, Chris Porter and Brittney Bush-Bollay. Starting in 2018, we recruited candidates, held candidate forums and conducted direct voter outreach with the result that the Conservation District's paper ballot process was swamped and they subsequently moved to an electronic one which raised voter turnout from less than 100 votes in 2018 to over 10,000 in 2022.

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

- \* I supported the creation of the Environment and Climate Caucus of the 46th District Democrats; I have attended multiple 350 Seattle and Washington Conservation Voters (WCV) events.
- \* I have advocated for climate change legislation in Washington State.
- \* I have canvassed in support of King County candidates who support climate action, for the state legislature, the Port of Seattle and the City of Seattle.
- \* I have signed the No Fossil Fuel Money petition.

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

I will prioritize investment in smart urban density, incentives for well-designed, livable, and affordable neighborhoods that reduce the need for commuting, and ending highway expansion to focus on developing other methods of transportation within the district, which would also reduce carbon emissions significantly. I will also protect existing legislation designed to reduce community exposure to harmful chemicals, which in return causes pollution and worsens public health. I am committed to ensuring that all impacted communities “ and especially our Native communities “ are included as key stakeholders in conversations about the environment and climate change. I am committed to the goals outlined in King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan, Washington's Climate Commitment Act, and Seattle Energy Code, and to remaining a member of the Carbon Neutral Allies Alliance. These are a bare minimum and should be considered the floor of what we need to do.

**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?**

Climate change is here and it is impacting marginalized communities first and worst. We need to aggressively reduce emissions, as well as invest in mitigation and resilience efforts, particularly in the areas being impacted most severely. Mitigation includes providing protections and support for people impacted by smoke, extreme heat and cold, drought and floods. I support taking bold steps to reduce emissions including holding corporate polluters accountable for cleaning up what they've done and creating and enforcing standards that continue to move us towards our 2030 climate goals. The two top contributors are transportation and building emissions. I believe that it is essential that we invest in public transportation and continue to make non-driving alternatives, like walking, biking or rolling, more appealing and accessible. In addition to building resilient infrastructure, we can offer incentives like tax credits for e-bikes and other car alternatives. I support improving existing passenger rail service to better support passengers and business as well as freight rail service to better support our small businesses, our port and our farmers, while reducing the need for vehicle transportation. I also support electrifying all of our state fleets and offering incentives to other government agencies to do the same.