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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
LD 46 legislature, position 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
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
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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 have dedicated my life thus far, as a primary care doctor, to service supporting the health of my patients. Raised in a family weighed down by chronic illness and poverty, I acquired grit and a determination to help the disadvantaged in our society. Tasked and privileged to help thousands of patients over the last 20 years, I have a solid understanding that without healthy communities, necessarily dependent on healthy soil, air and water, as well as healthy working environments, individuals and the communities they depend on cannot be healthy. The climate crisis directly impacts the health of all of us.

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

My work as a primary care physician involves caring for individuals and their health. A big part of my profession is educating my patients on the importance of a healthy diet, exercise and avoiding risky habits (ie smoking, sedentary lifestyle and non-nutritive foods). I advise patients to transition to whole food and plant based diets for their individual health and the health of the planet. I encourage physical activity, such as walking or biking on a daily basis, decreasing our reliance on cars both for the planet and for the health of individuals.

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

I have been a strong advocate for candidates such as Barack Obama, Joe Biden and Kim Schrier, canvassing, donating and generally supporting their candidacies. I have participated in the Climate Caucus for the Society of General Internal Medicine and participated in the Black Lives Matters March, the Women's March and the March for Science. I have been largely focussed, through my work, on the health of individuals preferentially serving a historically underserved community, one which is disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis.

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

The health of our community is dependent on multiple complex factors. A number of problems need to be immediately addressed, such as homelessness, limited access to affordable housing, lack of easy access to nutritious foods, and the continuing climate crisis. The Pandemic has widened the divide between economic classes and our social safety nets contain gaping chasms that need to be bridged and strengthened on the local/state/national level. As a physician that works with underserved communities on a daily basis, I regularly bear witness to this environmental injustice. If elected I plan to give voice to those that have been invisible and unempowered long before the pandemic and champion ways to make good quality, sustainable housing accessible to all, bridge the chasms in our safety nets, and ensure everyone can live in a healthy environment. I will work as a coalition builder in Olympia to help pass meaningful legislation that is fair for all using taxpayer resources in a targeted and efficient manner. An example of a program the legislature should be funding is the World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF). This program could connect homeless individuals to organic farms allowing them access to employment/housing/community and healthy food. In connection with creating legislation that promotes organic farming. I would also push for funding to train farmers in regenerative and organic farming techniques to increase the health not only of our soils but our farmers, their families and workers. Regenerative farming is an essential element of increasing biodiversity and treating the disease impacting our planet, soil and water. I will work toward increasing farmer's ability to provide healthy, locally and sustainably sourced produce to our public schools, hospitals and community centers.

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?

Washington has a chance to overtake California as the leader in setting emission standards and carbon reduction. For the sake of future generations, we need to lead by example and act with urgency to tackle the climate crisis. I currently drive a fully electric vehicle and believe Washington State needs to be a leader in incentivizing ownership of electric vehicles and accessibility to home/public charging stations. We need to work jointly with local municipalities on creating more bike/public transportation restricted lanes, and encouraging robust, convenient and affordable public transit. We need to further fund public transportation and more quickly connect Link Light Rail to more locations, to ease traffic congestion and take fossil fueled cars off the road. If elected, I believe I can be a consensus builder creating strategic partnerships to address the 45% carbon reduction. My time as a Peace Corps volunteer taught me that it takes a village and no lone politician/state/country can solve the climate crisis. If elected, I can be a leader in creating partnerships and coalitions that will pass bold legislation and challenge other states and the nation as a whole to reduce their carbon footprint.