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Candidate's name

Patty Kuderer

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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)

State Senate, 48th LD

Are you an incumbent running for re-election?

Yes

Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?

Yes, I have had the honor of serving the people of the 48th LD in the State Senate since 2017. Previously, I served in the State House of Representatives, 2015 -2016.

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

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/friendsofpattykuderer

Twitter: @senpattykuderer

Website: https://www.pattykuderer.com/

Term of office

4 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 want to retain my seat and continue my work in Olympia on housing/homelessness issues, common-sense gun reform, healthcare and tax reform, creating educational and work opportunities for all, and moving us toward a clean energy economy that works for everyone. During my time in the legislature, and in my law career, I have been a champion for the equitable treatment of workers. We have an unprecedented opportunity to address climate change and address income inequality through support for union jobs. Your support of my campaign would signal that I am a champion for the environment and planet.

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

We have and continue to see the impacts of the climate crisis. First, we need to ensure our legislation is based on science, and take into consideration the advice and recommendations from respected groups that advocate for our environment every day. Second, we need to continually publicize the immediate and direct impacts of climate change on our daily lives and do what we can on societal and individual levels to mitigate these effects. That includes helping to transition carbon workers into green jobs and ensuring that clean energy projects continue to have strong labor standards. Finally, the state must continue to lead by example - upgrading to green fleets, using green technology in our buildings, and innovating to reduce waste. The bottom line is we must reduce carbon emissions and I will continue to support legislation to accomplish that goal.

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

I have attended Washington Conservation Voters events, signed petitions to eliminate plastic waste and protect the rainforest, and my legislative record shows that I have supported environmental protections since entering the Legislature.

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

I chair Housing & Local Government and my approach to housing in particular has been to ensure it's sustainable as well as affordable. I have worked closely with environmental organizations that I know and respect to help shape housing policy that does just that. In terms of bills, I sponsored and co-sponsored legislation to reduce plastic waste and to eliminate single use plastics, to reduce methane in our landfills, to promote composting of yard waste especially in schools, and to establish clean fuel standards, and more. I firmly believe we have an obligation to clean up our waterways and am open to discussing options for legislation to do that.

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?

Our state has led the way in the move to a clean energy economy that prioritizes union, family-wage jobs. We can and must continue to include labor standards in our climate policy. I am a strong advocate for worker retraining programs to support the workers who put their health on the line to build the critical infrastructure we rely on today. We have an unprecedented opportunity to address climate change and address income inequality through support for union jobs. I have an open door policy for all stakeholders and I look forward to working with the ECC as we build a Washington where everyone can thrive.