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Candidate's name
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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
State Representative, 26th District, 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?
No
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?
I'm the only one
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'm running to help create opportunity for all. I grew up here, graduating from Peninsula High, and after finishing law school returned to work for the Northwest Justice Project, providing free legal aid to low-income families fleeing domestic violence. Running for office is another way for me to give back to the community that gave me the opportunity to succeed. I have been inspired by the survivors I have worked with, the single mothers and everyone else who is able to pick themselves up and continue to live for themselves and their loved ones.

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

As a high school student I constructed and installed wood duck boxes with a local conservation organization to help restore native wood duck populations at a nearby lake. Beyond that, I haven't been an elected official, and haven't worked in a field related to addressing climate change. I've contributed to organizations that install solar panels and do conservation work.

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

I have helped candidates in Democratic politics for eight years. but I haven't been engaged in environment specific events. Washington Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club endorse our campaign, and I really want to get to work on this issue in the legislature having grown up here my whole life and seeing the impacts of climate change on our State.

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

I want to help create a clean energy jobs and energy program that builds upon what we've passed as a State the past few years, and the Inflation Reduction Act. The focus of the legislation will be on helping train new workers, build up capacity for building clean energy and carbon capture technology in the state, and creating market incentives for building, producing, installing, and maintaining clean energy on a mass scale. I also want to help lead efforts to protect Puget Sound from pollution and acidification.

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?

Like I stated in the previous answer, I want to work on investing in and creating clean energy and carbon capture technology, particularly through a clean energy jobs and energy package. I also want to help make electric vehicles more affordable to folks with lower incomes, and make sure we are installing charging stations. The task we have ahead of us is taking the current goals, laws, and regulations we have, and working with market actors and ordinary people to make the transition to alternative fuels.