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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)	State representative, 37th LD, 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?	This is my first time running for office.
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?	1
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.electchipalo.com
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)	

Serving in the legislature would allow me to magnify my efforts to improve our community. As a member of the BIPOC community who has experience with important issues of our time (like education, housing, technology, and interactions with police), I have unique insights that will help create more equitable policy. I have a track record of being effective at the highest levels, and my propensity to think at a system wide level is suited to the type of work done in the legislature.

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

I'm a proponent for using alternatives to single occupancy vehicles. Prepandemic, I had a goal of biking to work two days a week. I live in the Central District and work on the Eastside at Microsoft. The 30 mile commute forced me to deal with a patchwork of dangerous streets mixed with great bike lanes and trails.

I will use this experience to improve our infrastructure alternatives to single occupancy vehicles (eg. mass transit, bikes, pedestrian). It's particularly important for the 37th District because we have two of Seattle's most dangerous roads: Rainier Avenue South and Martin Luther King Jr. Way S (per info from South Seattle Emerald article).

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

While I have spent most of my volunteer time mentoring BIPOC youth on STEM careers, I've always been supportive of environmental causes. BIPOC communities are hardest hit by climate change, pollution and other environmental challenges and I will be a strong ally in Olympia.

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

I was glad to see the HEAL Act pass, as environmental justice has only been given lip service for too long. This is a set of issues that disproportionately affects the 37th LD. Despite HEAL's passage, we will need to continue to work on its implementation, data collection, analysis of the data, and action on the issues revealed by the data.

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?

Power plants, oil refineries and paper mills are the largest individual polluters in Washington State. Thankfully, the biggest polluter, the TransAltra Centralia Coal Plant, is scheduled to shut down in 2025. However, individual ownership of cars and trucks collectively pollute more. While I am a proponent of alternatives to individual transportation, we also need to accelerate our adoption of electric cars and trucks. There are some people who won't use mass transit so reducing their carbon emissions is essential to meet our climate goals.