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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
Washington State Senate 30th 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 represented the 30th LD since I was elected in 2018. I also served on the Federal Way School Board from 2011 to 2019.
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?
I am the only Democrat in my race.
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.facebook.com/ClaireforSenate/
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 am running to continue working for the communities of the 30th legislative district who need leaders willing to help every single individual in our region, to unite our families, and to invest in our children and our future. I have spent my career helping kids and families get equal access and resources to education and opportunity. For too long I have seen our State Senate mired in gridlock due to partisanship, so my approach will continue to be what it has always been: focusing on the needs of people, not parties and special interests.

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

I have dedicated my career to improving the futures' of kids in my area and in Washington state. Nothing could be more critical to ensuring a healthy future for our children than tackling climate change. It is also essential to target environmental policies that reduce the impacts of climate change and pollution on communities of color and other marginalized groups. For example, recent studies have shown that air quality is worse in traditionally red-lined neighborhoods, which also holds for different kinds of pollution. In the Senate, I was proud to support the Clean Fuels Standard, 100% Clean Energy, the Climate Commitment Act, and the greenest transportation package ever passed in the state of Washington. But we have more to do to address the impending climate crisis. I am running for re-election to continue my work to ensure a healthy future for all our children.

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

My work on the environment has largely been focused on public health impacts in low income communities of color - the unnatural causes/impacts of the lack of environmental protections - the high incidence of asthma, allergies, high blood pressure, etc. - on individuals who live within those communities. I have worked with both the King and Pierce County Health Departments when I worked in ECEAP and Head Start related to the Smelter Plume project (the old Asarco Smelter and the impacts of arsenic in the soil) and educating families and child care providers on how to mitigate the impacts in potentially impacted areas. In the legislature, I have championed environmental and climate education for students including sponsoring a climate science bill and funding for curricula for K-12 students. I was also involved with the purchase of Camp Kilworth with Forterra, Seattle/King County YMCA and Puyallup Tribal Nation to create the Kilworth Environmental and Educational Preserve. Additionally, I prime-sponsored legislation making WA the first state to license outdoor nature based Pre-K, and have worked in my community with Fight the Flight - a community organization working on airport noise and air particulate pollution.

I am proud to have been endorsed by Washington Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club "reflecting my commitment to environmental issues.

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

One of my top campaign issues is creating infrastructure that works, and that includes funding transit solutions that reduce air pollution. The lack of public transit options in my region includes the fact that there is rarely enough parking past 8 AM at the closest light rail station for the people who would like to commute by light rail to Seattle for work, which forces them to have to drive to Seattle instead of riding the public transportation. Our public transportation options need to do more to ensure they are working for everyone, which in turn can reduce the number of cars on the road contributing to air pollution from harmful emissions. That means making sure that light rail gets to Federal Way itself as quickly as possible, supporting other transit options in outlying areas like buses, and expanding park-and-rides in places where it makes sense. I look forward to supporting legislation that funds transit that works for everyone and reduces air pollution. I would also support responsible measures around clean fuel standards, supporting electric vehicles and expanding infrastructure to support them, and other measures to reduce emissions in our transportation sector.

One of the most important things we can do to reduce carbon impacts is to ensure that development in our communities is planned around transit and in a manner that prioritizes emission reduction. Transportation is the number one emitter of greenhouse gasses, and preventing car-focused sprawl should be the priority of every legislator.

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?

As I mentioned above, I was proud to support the Clean Fuels Standard, 100% Clean Energy, the Climate Commitment Act, and the greenest transportation package ever passed in the state of Washington – big steps in the right direction! However, I was disappointed to see a few impactful environmental initiatives fail to pass in the most recent session. I look forward to getting back to work on climate policy when I am re-elected by continuing to reorient our transportation infrastructure around our environment and the people who live in it. In addition, we must do more to decarbonize the building sector in Washington. Ensuring that new buildings are more efficient and retrofitting older buildings to be cleaner helps the environment, and it also provides green jobs and helps the economy. Throughout these efforts, we must ensure that fossil fuel workers in our state are at the table when we make decisions and provide a just transition as we move away from carbon-heavy fuel use.