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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
House of Representatives, 40th LD, P1
Are you an incumbent running for re-election?
Yes
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)?
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
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Term of office
4 years
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Do you agree to not accept campaign donations from fossil fuel companies?
No
Have you signed or will you sign the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge (https://nofossilfuelmoney.org)?
Maybe
Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (100 word limit)

I have called the Washington State and the Skagit home for the past 20 years and have witnessed first hand the battle between tribes, agriculture, industry, local and state government over water quality and quantity due to the impact of pollution, climate change and growth. My saddest days were witnessing the racial battles between the Native American and non Natives at all ages, but the most heart wrenching was the fights in the middle and high school. We have seen the high cost of living increase due to the impacts of law suits, the racial treatment of all parties, and the impact to communities. I ran for office to bring together tribal, local, state and federal governments to find solutions with laws, regulations and policies. We can do better for our communities when we are inclusive of one another, collaborate towards a common future, and implement generation decision making that ensures we, as well as our children's children have a safe place to call home.

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

I am honored to be part of the Governor's legislative team to carry Governor's Request bills on Climate Change and my own bills that reflect sustainability for a WA Strong approach. My efforts not only address environmental protection, but also sustainability of salmon and natural resources for generations to come. But the work does not stop there, as I was able to collaborate with Rep. Hanson in building the capacity for low income citizens to receive education opportunities, as building and investing a workforce for the future is vital to carry on the health of our environment and natural resources for our great state.

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

Past Boardmember for Earth Justice, Community 2 Community for Justice for Migrant Workers, many petitions and letters on Snake River Dam and salmon recovery, and many speaking engagements from UN Ocean Safety to the Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference.

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

If elected, I am planning on moving bills that recovery habitat not only for salmon and natural resources; but a healthy habitat also helps our great state reduce carbon emissions. I am currently working bringing together agriculture, local government, tribes and agencies to develop bipartisan bills on habitat restoration and protection. I am also working on addressing revised local landscaping plans that are required under DNR for their logging of forests to pay for school costs. The work does not stop there as I am investing in legislative tools and collaboration to develop just transition of jobs to sustain our workforce for renewable energy. Lastly I am working with utilities to address the concept of reducing energy on the grid, as we can incorporate solar panels on all WA Building that are existing, manage our air conditioning in these building to reduce energy, and partner with builder's to incentivize them to support the concepts of building green for the future.

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?

I would invite in assisting all local governments to invest in Net Ecological Gain, which is Habitat restoration, as the will help us reduce carbon emissions. We have so many legislators and Governor's agencies looking to increase energy for the Grid, but we do not have many of us looking to restore habitat, address climate change science to forestry plans and logging for DNR and private companies, and addressing regulations for water, air and land that reflect the "turning the tides" of addressing a pollution based economy. Lastly, we also need to incorporate climate change and salmon restoration into the GMA.