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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
LD 37 State Rep. 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?
No
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?
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
www.electemijah.com www.facebook.com/ElectEmijah www.instagram.com/electemijah/
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 am proud of the work I've done hand-in-hand with communities across the 37th LD to lift up good public policy, change laws, and advocate for equitable solutions. I am running to represent my community in the 37th district in order to continue and expand this work. I'm blessed to have lived almost my entire life in this district. I've felt it change, I've felt the gentrification, and the dis-investment. And I know our communities are brilliant enough to change it and I have the relationships, the skills, and the proven leadership to make those conversations happen.

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

Climate change, toxic pollution, and poor land use planning impacts low income communities and communities of color disproportionately. These environmental factors are part of a system of injustices that can lead to poor health, learning disabilities, unsafe living conditions, and loss of wealth. So for me, my life's work of moving policies guided by anti-racism and anti-blackness is my biggest accomplishment on environment and climate change. I believe any environmental or climate change agenda must be preceded and continued by this work on health and education equity, affordable housing, food security, and criminal justice reform. It's all connected.

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

I am currently organizing with my neighbors and community partners of Beacon Hill Council advocating for protections of trees and protected wetlands. My neighbors and I are canvassing the community to educate neighbors about an upcoming market rate housing development in South Seattle that will not only increase gentrification and displacement in the neighborhood, but also remove trees and habitat for birds and other wildlife. Protecting the trees and wetlands will prevent flooding in the neighborhood and prevent increased car traffic resulting in a safer and walkable community for families and children.

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

I support strategies to further environmental justice and fight climate change, including:

Continued implementation of the HEAL Act to address environmental justice throughout state agencies, investments and programs.

Focused strategies to ensure that the benefits of green policies reach Black, Indigenous and people of color communities who are severely impacted by the climate crisis.

Keeping fossil fuels in the ground while expanding renewable, healthy energy.

Transit oriented development that is affordable to the communities that historically call the 37th district home and that provides opportunities for small businesses.

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 support Washington State's 2030 Climate Goals. I will continue to seek consultation and guidance from leading climate justice organizations and community partners, such as South Seattle Climate Action Network, Got Green, Puget Sound Sage, and other statewide organizations working toward these goals. I commit to do all I can do to provide a healthy future for generations to come.