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<b>Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)</b>
LD 42, Position 2
<b>Are you an incumbent running for re-election?</b>
No
<b>Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?</b>
No
<b>How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?</b>
0
<b>I am willing to be identified with the Democratic Party (except judicial candidates)</b>
Yes
<b>Link to campaign web page and/or Facebook and other Social Media</b>
www.votejoetimmons.com www.Facebook.com/votejoetimmons
<b>Term of office</b>
2 years
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<b>Do you agree to not accept campaign donations from fossil fuel companies?</b>
Yes
<b>Have you signed or will you sign the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge (<a href="https://nofossilfuelmoney.org">https://nofossilfuelmoney.org</a>)?</b>
Maybe
<b>Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (100 word limit)</b>

Becoming a first-time father during the pandemic has made me more committed than ever to working toward a future where all residents of Whatcom County and Washington state are thriving. I have spent the last decade working in public service and I am ready to hit the ground running to serve in the Legislature. State government should be a positive force in people's lives, and I will make a tangible difference by working to protect the environment and address climate change, creating more access to living wage jobs, housing affordability, quality healthcare, childcare, educational programs, and protecting the right to choose.

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

In my current role in the Governor's Office, I support Governor Inslee in the northwest corner of the state. This work includes engaging with environmental stakeholders and organizing/staffing events for Governor Inslee to advance his climate goals.

While working as Assistant Director of Government Relations with Western Washington University, I am proud to have helped secure funding in the state's operating budget for Western to establish a new undergraduate degree program in Marine, Coastal and Watershed Sciences. This interdisciplinary program is now underway and helping prepare students to address the growing challenge affecting our marine and coastal environments.

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

I have been endorsed by the Washington Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club.

Through my work in the Governor's Office I have organized environmental action events and staffed Governor Inslee to help advance his environmental agenda, including Spokane Climate Strike on September 20 2019, clean energy bill signing event on May 7 2019, Climate Action press event on March 30 2021, and Move Ahead Washington bill signing event on March 25 2022.

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

We need to protect our natural environment so that future generations have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink, and can enjoy the surroundings that make Whatcom County so special. This means investing in habitat recovery for salmon and other endangered species, and ensuring that everyone has access to hiking, fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation. Climate change is manmade and is increasing the severity of wildfires in our region and weather events such as flooding, drought, and heat waves. I will work to prioritize climate action that ensures communities that have historically been overburdened and disproportionately affected by climate impacts have access to clean air to breathe, safe drinking water, and living wage green energy jobs.

Specifically in Whatcom County, we have a housing shortage crisis, which is raising the cost of housing. For example, last year in Bellingham our rent went up 35% and I know our family is not alone in this experience. One of the most affordable areas of the county is in east Whatcom, which is where major floods occurred last year along the Nooksack River. The frequency and severity of flooding may increase due to climate change, and because areas impacted by flooding in Whatcom County are most affordable when it comes to housing, this is an environmental justice issue. I believe everyone deserves safety and I am committed to creating more accessible housing options across the housing continuum so that people are not forced to live in flood-impacted areas.

**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?**

Washington has passed legislation in recent years that will result in a tremendous decrease in our state's carbon emissions (such as the state's Climate Commitment Act). I think it is imperative that our state follows through on its ambitious climate goals and makes sure that recently-passed legislation is successfully implemented.