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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
LD 36 State House of Rep, Position 1
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, though I have served as an elected Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) in the 43rd and 36th LDs
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.votejuliareed.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)

I am a workforce policy expert, advocate for youth and racial justice, and a life-long Seattleite. I am running for the State House of Representatives to invest in affordable housing, environmental resilience, fully funding public education and invest in workers to help create a vibrant, empowering, equitable economy where everyone can thrive. I have also worked in every level of government as a Senior Policy Advisor and Regional Affairs Director for the City of Seattle, and as staff in the US State Department and Office of Management and Budget which I believe makes me more qualified for the job.

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

As a Senior Policy Advisor to the Mayor of Seattle I co-created a region-wide response to the challenges of climate change-driven seasonal wildfires and wildfire smoke. Wildfire smoke is a public health hazard that harms both the physical and mental health of our local communities, and its impacts fall especially hard on low-income residents, working people, young people, and the elderly.

As a senior policy advisor, I became the wildfire smoke preparedness lead for the city, working with the Parks Department and Seattle Center to retrofit City buildings and community centers to create safe places for elderly and the unhoused to shelter during wildfire smoke events. I also organized the first ever “Smoke Ready Communities Day” a project that spanned King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Snohomish counties and involved Seattle, Tacoma, Bremerton, and Everett. Smoke Ready Communities day included events to help residents understand smoke dangers and learn how to prepare their families and communities. Our goal was to make wildfire smoke awareness as ubiquitous as “Stop, Drop and Roll” for fire safety.

If elected, I plan to prioritize investing in statewide responses and strategies to help communities cope with the extreme weather impacts of climate change including not just smoke, but also heat, flooding, and extreme cold. Even if we are successful in curbing carbon emissions, extreme weather will be with us for many years to come and our communities especially in smaller cities and rural areas need statewide guidance and support.

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

I have been a vice chair for the King County Democrats and advocacy director and chair of the 36th LD Democrats, two organizations that have been active in advocating for urgent solutions to the climate crisis in our politics. I am endorsed by SAGE Leaders, the 501c4 arm of Puget Sound SAGE for my commitment to environmental justice and racial equity.

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

One particular policy priority of mine that intersects with environmental justice is my commitment to helping cities fund infrastructure to be more resilient in the face of the extreme weather impacts of climate change, especially frequent wildfire smoke. As noted above, as policy advisor in the Seattle Mayor's office I helped organize the first ever "Smoke Ready Communities Day" across King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties. Smoke particulate pollution is deadly, and disproportionately impacts communities of color and low-income communities, where housing and community infrastructure are less likely to have good quality air filtration or air conditioning systems.

I am advocating for the state to create a grant program for cities to fund retrofitting of public housing and community buildings like libraries and community centers to be resilient in the face of smoke, so that people have safe places to go when the air turns deadly. I would also like the state to incentivize landlords and HOAs to upgrade filtration and install heat pump systems in multi-family housing.

Low-income communities and communities of color deserve to breathe clean air, and when they are impacted by the extreme weather that is an accompanying part of climate change, they deserve to have safe places to seek respite available to them free of charge.

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?

Climate change is an existential threat to all communities, especially working communities and communities of color. We must invest in ending the use of fossil fuels across our economy, which is a critical step to stopping and ultimately reversing climate change. I will help lead just transitions as part of our green jobs revolution to sustain our people, state, and planet in the future.

Amongst a myriad of other tactics, we must also make zero-carbon transportation available to every Washingtonian. Transportation is one of the major drivers of carbon emissions in our state. As a legislator, I would increase funding to support electrifying buses and ferries, expanding our state's network of electric car charging stations, and onshore power to reduce emissions at our ports. As an avid cyclist, I will also advocate for new solutions like subsidizing the purchase of electric bicycles that can put zero-carbon mobility into the hands of young people, parents, working people, and seniors.