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| <b>Candidate's name</b>  |
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| <b>Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)</b>   |
| State House of Representatives, 38th LD, 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>  |
| I am currently the only Democratic candidate in my race, and have a sole endorsement from the 38th LD Democrats.<br>I have served in the following elected positions:<br>Everett City Council, District 1 – Current<br>Snohomish County Regional Law and Justice Council – Current |
| <b>How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?</b>  |
| None   |
| <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.MaryFosse.com<br>www.facebook.com/MaryFosseforStateRep/  |
| <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>   |

Yes

**Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (100 word limit)**

I am running for State Representative in the 38th LD because we need more champions in Olympia for the needs of workers in this state, especially those who revealed themselves as essential in recent years, as well as our most vulnerable, families, seniors, students and veterans.

I have a strong track record of successful environmental justice and conservation advocacy in my community, and now I want to help address housing affordability and our homelessness crisis, supporting our schools and social infrastructure, holistic approaches to public health and safety, and economic efforts that prioritize living-wage jobs, families, and sustainability.

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

In 2020, I was awarded the Conservation Leader of the Year Award from the Snohomish Conservation District, after bringing various programs, resources, and educational opportunities to my community around organic gardening and pest control, conservation, and environmental stewardship. I also lead a grassroots environmental justice campaign that secured \$5.5 million to clean up the toxic lead and arsenic contamination in my neighbors' soils. There was a bankruptcy settlement for an environmental cleanup that ended up prioritizing the more affluent area of town, and when the funding ran out, the adjacent neighborhood that was one of the poorest and most diverse in the city was still left with significant toxic levels of lead and arsenic in their soils. We now have new funding to finish addressing the issue. I am also currently working on preserving and restoring the last remaining upland wetlands in North Everett and securing stakeholders to turn it into an educational space for local youth.

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

Everett City Council  
Delta Neighborhood Association  
38th LD Democrats  
Snohomish County Democrats  
Snohomish Conservation District  
350 Everett  
Washington Wild / Tongass Roadless Letter  
Lawns to Lettuce & Grow a Row  
League of Women Voters / Tree Canopy Comprehensive Plan  
I have also owned a plant nursery in Everett for the last decade and have enjoyed teaching at our local libraries, schools and garden clubs about the fascinating world of plants and organic pest control. In 2021 I was endorsed by the Washington Conservation Voters in my race for Everett City Council.

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

I have been advocating for sustainability, equity, habitat and wetland protection, organic gardening, less waste, green building/infrastructure, and other conservation efforts as long as I can remember. Conservation and sustainable, holistic living is inherent to my life just as it is inherent to my policy approach.  
I'd like to have a more streamlined recycling program like Oregon, and have our wastewater plants have the tools to research and mitigate pharmaceuticals in our wastewater. I would also like to look at our GMA and see where we may be able to add greater protections for tree canopies, conservation or encourage sustainable design.

**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 the encouragement from the democrats in increasing state appropriations, local funding authority, and loan and grant programs to fund infrastructure needed for electrification and energy efficiency, but we must make sure that we are also providing equitable access in the process. Small and rural municipalities do not have the staff or resources to navigate and manage complicated and restrictive grant/funding processes, so single application approaches as well as funding for staff to manage and apply for all of these state and new federal resources would serve us well in the long run.

In school I wrote a thesis on the negative environmental impacts of big agriculture, and since then have lived my life as a vegan/vegetarian. I would love to support implementing a restorative soils program to incentivize healthy agriculture and forestry management practices, efforts to reduce antibiotic resistant pathogens in animal agriculture, greater enforcement of antitrust laws in agribusiness, and a push for phasing-out of farm subsidies for big, corporate agriculture paired with a renewed support for local, small sustainable farms, family farms, and organic farming efforts.

I also believe that if you really want to fix climate change, make it someone's job. It's more than just money, perhaps we could be building bigger coalitions of support. I want my children to inherit a world that they can live in. I believe the environmental action that we need would have less opposition with more universal labor buy-in if we are intentional in building a low-carbon economy that puts people to work.

We are headed to a cleaner future, and hopefully by supporting our skilled labor force pipeline, both our physical and social infrastructure, port capacity, light rail expansion, and essential amenities like schools and childcare, we will be an attractive destination for growing industries, investments, and green companies wanting to take advantage of the federal administration's dedication to addressing climate change.