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Candidate's name

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Candidate's email address

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Candidate's phone number

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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)

LD6, Pos 2

Are you an incumbent running for re-election?

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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)?

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I am willing to be identified with the Democratic Party (except judicial candidates)

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Link to campaign web page and/or Facebook and other Social Media

www.Kelso4wa.com

Term of office

2 years

Campaign manager contact information (name, email, phone number)

Self-managed for now

Campaign consultant contact information (name, email, phone number)

None

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'm running to ensure my district has a representative who follows science, reason, and works for all people who live there. I'm an immigrant from Germany and I've served in the US Army for 23+ years. I was horrified by the tilt towards fascism on the conservative side. I have family members who are threatened by GQP policies if they become law. The only party with even a chance to do something about climate change is the Democratic Party, if we can get rid of Manchin.

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

Not having worked in positions that influence policy, my accomplishments are all personal. My entire family recycles, we drive fuel efficient or electric cars, limit our water consumption as much as possible, and do our best to limit our footprint on earth.

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

During my military time I donated to several organizations from the "green" spectrum, participated in local clean-up events, and promoted resource conserving practices. Since moving to Washington I've voted for and contributed to ECC resolutions at state committee meetings and continue to promote a greater use of renewable energy.

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

These subjects are all interconnected, so prioritizing one over the others will nevertheless result in progress of the others. When elected I plan to work on environmental justice and climate change policies. Reducing pollution from energy intensive industries will be one of my top priorities.

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'm not running for state office, but as a legislator I will introduce or support legislation that promote renewable energy production, higher building efficiency standards, better public transportation infrastructure, and protect the bio diversity of Washington. As mentioned in my answer above, reducing pollution from energy intensive industries will be one of my top priorities, as this will provide the greatest impacts.