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

WA 5th Congressional District

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)?

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.facebook.com/votenatashahill

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)

Eastern Washington needs new representation that will vote in the interests of our constituents, not against them. Communities across our district need and want better healthcare, childcare, jobs, infrastructure and to proactively combat climate change and move to renewable and sustainable energy. We are not getting any of those things with our current representative who is willing to cut back to appease the far right wing agenda even at the expense of what makes us American - our democracy. Enough is enough and I am willing to use my platform, time and energy to beat Cathy McMorris this mid-term.

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

I would prioritize and champion strengthening the Clean Water Act, reforming federal forest management policies to address to combat wildfire season, and increased efforts to create new policy and regulations across the board, but particularly with respect to NEPA's requirements to assess environmental impacts of proposed actions.

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

This is a new area for me to get involved in, which I intend to do. My legal background has given me a good understanding of Environmental Protection laws and the need for responsible rules and regulations.

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

I have been active in signing online petitions and have volunteered at several community events over the last three years that promote social justice, which includes addressing environmental discrimination and racism.

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.