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| Candidate's name |
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| Candidate's phone number |
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| Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2) |
| 35th LD position #2 |
| Are you an incumbent running for re-election? |
| No |
| Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when? |
| I have never run for or held elected office. I worked for the U.S. executive branch as a Foreign Service Officer, and for a statewide elected official when I was communications director at the Department of Natural Resources. When I served as vice president for college relations at The Evergreen State College, my supervisor (the president of the college) was overseen by a board of trustees appointed by the governor. |
| How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)? |
| None |
| 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.SandyKaiserforWA.com www.facebook.com/sandykaiserforwa Twitter: SandyKaiser@salishview |
| Term of office |
| 2 years |
| Campaign manager contact information (name, email, phone number) |
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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 seeking this position because I believe our kids and rural communities should have the same opportunities for success and good quality of life as urban and suburban communities in Western Washington.

That means we need to create better conditions for local business to thrive and grow, create more family-wage jobs, improve our schools and expand rural broadband. We must invest in public safety and infrastructure to build roads and affordable housing.

At the same time, we must strengthen protections for the stunning natural environment in which we live, work, recreate and store carbon. Healthy forests support sustainable forestry, and clean water means our local shellfish industry can thrive: two important employers in our region. We must ensure these natural-resource treasures are conserved for our own well-being and for those who come after.

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

As assistant editor of the monthly magazine of Friends of the Earth, I researched and wrote significant articles that raised public awareness of deforestation, habitat loss, toxins and climate change. As communications director for the Washington Department of Natural Resources, I worked to conserve Hood Canal from development and degradation, build stronger relationships with local tribes and support their goals to limit fossil fuel development and improve forest health across Washington.

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

Throughout my adult life I have been active in or worked for Friends of the Earth, EarthIsland institute, WA DNR, and the Capitol Land Trust, where I currently serve as vice president of the board. All of these organizations are dedicated to the widest range of environmental protection and conservation.

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

People in my district and across Washington are affected by inequities in access to green spaces, ownership of land, and exposure to pollutants and toxins. Addressing these issues requires understanding the many intersecting ways that racial, social, and economic inequities create barriers for some while others profit off of unearned privilege provided by the systems in place. I am constantly in conversation with the people in my community about how these inequities impact people differently within our systems.

Access for all to green spaces has been a special focus of my work as vice president of the board of the Capitol Land Trust. I was the lead writer on the organization's latest strategic plan, which for the first time incorporates environmental justice objectives into the land trust's goals. I will continue to learn from and uplift the voices of those feeling those impacts. It is my responsibility to use my privilege to find, fund, and implement solutions that protect our environment and are in the best interest of the most impacted communities, including communities of color.

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?

The recently passed Inflation Reduction Act will support our climate goals, and the job of the legislature in the 2023 session will be to ensure we are ready to put those federal resources to work. We have an enormous opportunity to make once-in-a-lifetime progress toward reducing carbon pollution, and we must do the preparation and hard work to succeed. That means laying the groundwork with local governments throughout the state, and building bipartisan consensus for projects that will serve all Washingtonians.