

Candidate Endorsement Application & Questionnaire for 2024: Environment and Climate Caucus of the Washington State Democratic Party

The Environment and Climate Caucus (ECC) was founded in 2017. We work with a diverse community of stakeholders including the Washington State Democratic Party Central Committee and its associated caucuses.

The ECC grants endorsements to those candidates running for statewide, congressional, and legislative offices, who have demonstrated through experience and commitment, their support of ECC's mission to advocate for legislation and policy that protects the environment and supports effective responses to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

We are delighted that you are seeking ECC's endorsement. Please complete the questionnaire below online or provide to the email address provided below. In fairness to other applicants - incomplete or non-compliant applications, and late submissions, will not be considered.

Your responses will be shared with the ECC voting members who will review your questionnaire and the information provided on your campaign website, social media, and/or literature, with regard to meeting the ECC's stated mission.

If you are endorsed by the ECC during the Primary Election and proceed to the General, the endorsement will stand for the General. Endorsements are for the term of office designated by election.

The respondent's email (mae.cramer@outlook.com) was recorded on submission of this form.

Email *

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Application and Completed Questionnaire for Endorsement Deadlines:

4/14/2024 Eligibility Date

for ECC Membership (30 days before close of voting)

4/25/2024 ECC General

Meeting

4/27/2024 Candidate

Endorsement Questionnaire Due – Primary Election

5/7 – 5/14/2022 ECC Primary

Election Endorsement Ballot

5/17/2024 Contact endorsed

candidates

8/6/2024 Primary Election

8/18/2024 Eligibility Date

for ECC Membership (30 days before close of voting)

8/31/2024 Candidate Endorsement

Questionnaire Due – General Election

9/10 – 9/17/2022 ECC

General Election Endorsement Ballot

9/12/2022 ECC General Meeting – Candidate Forum

9/20/2024 Contact endorsed

candidates

11/5/2024 General Election

ECC Voting and Results:

Voting occurs electronically among eligible ECC members. The Voting Period takes place over one week following the due date for submission in each election. Results will be announced to those candidates who have received endorsement at the completion of the Voting Period.

Endorsement Rules:

The endorsement process will be according to the ECC's standing 2024 Endorsement Rules (<https://eccwa.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/ECC-Endorsement-Rules-2024.pdf>).

Submit questions to:

Jeff Berner, ECC Endorsements – endorsements@eccwa.org

Basic information (essay questions in next section)

Candidate's name *

Dave Paul

Candidate's email address *

rep.davepaul@outlook.com

Candidate's phone number *

[REDACTED]

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

State Representative, 10th LD Position 2

Are you an incumbent running for re-election? *

Yes

No

Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when? *

In addition to serving in the Washington House of Representatives since 2019, I served two years (2006-7) on the Newark City Schools (Ohio) Board of Education.

How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)? *

None

I am a Democrat or I am willing to be identified with the Democratic Party (judicial candidates mark as noted) *

Yes

No

I am a judicial candidate

Links to your campaign website and/or Facebook or your most informative venue *

www.votedavepaul.com Facebook: Friends of Dave Paul, Instagram: Vote Dave Paul

Term of office *

2 years

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

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Essay questions

Please note word limits, and don't forget to answer all questions. Incomplete questionnaires cannot be considered.

Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (Not to exceed 150 words) *

I'm serving in my second term as State Representative, and I've worked hard to represent the values of our community. I'm committed to building bridges that help connect diverse people, groups, and communities within our District and finding points of consensus—including around protecting our environment and addressing climate change.

I have experience partnering with labor, economic development groups, and business leaders to develop workforce training programs for high-demand, high-wage careers. I'm a leading voice in support of apprenticeship and career and technical training programs. I'm excited to extend this work to careers in renewable energy and environmental stewardship.

Please limit your answers to the next five questions to 1000 words total

Please explain how your campaign will address donations from utilities, fossil fuel companies, and corporate PACs? *

I accept donations from utilities that are transitioning away from fossil fuels and corporations on a case-by-case basis.

What are your most significant accomplishments either as an individual, member of a group, or elected official on environment and climate change? *

As co-chair of the ferry caucus, I've led our state's efforts to electrify the ferry fleet. I'm proud to have sponsored and passed HB 1700 in the 2022 session, which allocates more funding to removing abandoned and sunken vessels from our waters. This legislation is addressing the backlog of derelict vessels and will prevent pollution and damage to our ecosystems.

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

My campaigns have previously been endorsed by several environmental groups, including Sno-Isle Chapter of the Sierra Club and Washington Conservation Voters.

If elected or re-elected what specific environment, climate change, biodiversity, transportation, building and land use, growth management, and/or environmental justice legislation will you prioritize and champion? *

I'm proud to have secured funding that includes moving more of our vessels to hybrid-electric power and the transition to electric ferries away from diesel. I will continue to champion solar, wind, and forms of renewable energy.

Washington State law sets a target of 90.5 million metric tons (MMT) carbon pollution by 2020, but greenhouse gas emissions rose last year to 102 MMT (Department of Ecology). The state is not on-track. 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?

My work in the Legislature supports our state's carbon pollution goals. I played a decisive role in passing the Clean Fuels Standard, in helping to electrify our ferry fleet, and ensuring our state is doing more to reduce carbon emissions in buildings. I will continue to be a champion in the Transportation Committee for reducing carbon pollution, including supporting transit, encouraging non-motorized forms of transportation, and building out greater electric vehicle infrastructure.

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