

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 (ElectJohnZingale@gmail.com) was recorded on submission of this form.

Email *

ElectJohnZingale@gmail.com

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 *

John Zingale

Candidate's email address *

ElectJohnZingale@gmail.com

Candidate's phone number *

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

LD 18 legislature, 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? *

No, but I have been appointed to the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission.

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

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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 *

<https://www.electjohnzingale.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ElectJohnZingale/>

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 believe that the children and hardworking families of Southwest Washington need a new voice. They need an advocate who has seen first hand the challenges and successes that they have had over the last decade. I hear every day from my students and their families about what their concerns are for their future. As a Social Studies teacher who promotes active citizenship and civic engagement, I can no longer sit idly by when I feel their voices are not being heard. All students and families deserve representation that will listen and fight for their needs. This includes our communities that have traditionally been left behind and marginalized. I want to show that even though people may disagree with one another on issues, that we can be cordial and civil with one another as we work together to build a more perfect 18th and community here in Southwest Washington.

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 do not plan on getting any, but if I should I would not accept them.

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

I have striven to be on the forefront of climate adaptation/mitigation practices in my personal life and to lead by example for my children, my students, and our future generations. I converted to a hybrid car back in 2006 and went full electric in 2017. I developed a project for my students about global climate change where they had to study a country and develop a solution to help mitigate the impacts based on the geography of the country. I also attended the Shell Icebreaker protest in Portland when the ship was there for repairs.

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

Last election cycle I also ran on a pro-environment platform and was endorsed by your organization, the Sierra Club, and Washington Conservation Action. I have already received the Washington Conservation Action endorsement for this election year as well.

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 would like to see the legislature prioritize the building of more sustainable/future ready housing. I think that we can lower energy costs and consumption by REALLY having more solar panels on homes. We can incentivize builders to create new housing with more southern/western facing roofs, electric car charging outlets, and basements with roughed-in plumbing. The last idea comes from living in Illinois where that is pretty much the standard and it allowed me to finish off the basement to create more living space without adding to the footprint of the house. It also created a cooler energy efficient living space in the house. I think this will also help many families around the state as the demographics of our state change and more and more families become intergenerational and move in with one another. I saw this first-hand with my students' families during COVID and we need to help families be able to find housing that can adapt to their changing needs.

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?

I believe that we need to be investing more in solar energy. I've seen projects in other states where they are putting up solar coverings over parking lots to generate lots of energy, but it also lowers the temperature in cars which then use less energy to run the air conditioning since they start at a cooler temp. With more solar station parking lots we can then create more charging stations for the electric vehicles that we should be seeing on the roads. As someone who owns an electric car the incentive of not paying sales tax was not really something that got me to make the switch. The rebates and other incentives in other states are more appealing. I think we need to get creative with what will drive the transition to cleaner vehicles for the everyday person. We can also work to move the trucking industry forward with their fleets as that will have a great impact on reducing emissions. We have to think innovatively when it comes to looking at several solutions because just one thing isn't going to do it alone.

