

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

Email *

electtanasenn@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

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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 *

Tana Senn

Candidate's email address *

electtanasenn@gmail.com

Candidate's phone number *

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

41st LD, House, Position 1

Are you an incumbent running for re-election? *

Yes

No

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

Yes. State Rep, 2013-present. Mercer Island City Councilmember, 2012-2014

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 *

electtanasen.org

Term of office *

2 years



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

Just contact me

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

Dean Nielsen, dnielsen@cn4partners.com

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 would like to continue to do great policy work to make life easier for busy families, ensure a healthy planet for our children's future and help "repair the world" by making it more just.

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 accept money from oil companies, but I do accept PAC and utility money. If they want to help elect environmental legislators like myself, I am happy to have their help.

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

Passing HB 1368, the expand the use of zero-emission school buses, was the biggest highlight this year by far! Targeting \$40 million to overburdened communities was a huge part of that win.

I also look to my time on the state building code council where we started the transition to water bottle filling stations, electric charging stations in parking lots, etc. On the MI City Council, I started and served on the first sustainability committee and hired their first sustainability staff person.

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

See above. I attend many luncheons and political events for environmental groups and candidates, Green Beers during session, etc. I will be working to help save the Climate Commitment Act this year!

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 will be working to ensure we update the curriculum standards for high school and college automotive programs to include electric vehicles, add building standards for schools and sports facilities to include electric charging infrastructure that works for buses, etc.

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?

Working to green our transportation system is a big priority for me. I will continue to work on the implementation and roll out of a green school transportation system.

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