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**Candidate's name**

Chelsea Dimas

**Candidate's email address**

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**Candidate's phone number**

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

LD 14 Representative Pos. 1

**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)?**

None

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

Yes

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

<http://chelseaforwa.com>

**Term of office**

2 years

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

Lindsey Keesling, 509-833-7672

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

None

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

I am running because so many people in my community asked me to. Having shared the lived experience of so many of my neighbors, I understand the challenges they face. I've also had the privilege of learning how the system works, so I can use that system to benefit others.

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

We have not taken any such donations. My campaign solely pursues donations from small donors, local small businesses, unions, and organizations who share my progressive values.

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

I have no elected experience, but as an individual I've stood alongside members of my community who have been directly harmed by the changing environment. I've arranged donations of protective clothing, water, and supplies for farm workers who struggle in the increasing summer heat. One of the reasons I was motivated to run for office is so I can expand the impact of my work to endorsing legislation to protect and expand initiatives like the Climate Commitment Act and Heal Act, which benefit my family and neighbors.

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

I have over 10 years of experience rallying with UFW and other local labor organizations to put pressure on our municipal and state government and corporations to enact regulations and legislation to protect my family and neighbors from environmental risks.

**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?**

One of my first priorities is expanding legislation to protect laborers from the effects of climate change. After that, I believe in increasing oversight and accountability for corporations, as well as increasing funding to community-based organizations for education and work to counteract climate change and its negative impacts within my district.

**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?**

While I understand the reasons why our current legislation is structured the way it is, I don't think we can "reward" our way into lowered emissions. It may, or already has, come down to needing increased oversight as well as stiffer penalties for not meeting targets.