



Washington State
Democratic Party

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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)	State Representative, 18th LD, Position 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)?	0
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	https://www.electdeken.com/
Term of office	2 years
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Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (Not to exceed 150 words)	I am running for this position because I believe my background makes me the best person to represent the 18th LD. As the Assistant Political and Legislative Director for the Washington and Northern Idaho District Council of Laborers, I saw in Olympia that when elected officials work on bipartisan legislation, meaningful legislation that helps Washingtonians can be passed. Unfortunately, my State Representative was not supporting these bipartisan efforts and bills I supported, and that encouraged me to run. I realized the people of the 18th didn't have a Representative fighting for their best interest. I am a working guy who wants to represent working families.
Please explain how your campaign will address donations from utilities, fossil fuel companies, and corporate PACs?	My campaign contributions consist of everyday people donating and PAC donations from unions and organizations. I have not received any donations from utilities, fossil fuel companies, or corporations.

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

I am proud of the progress that has been made between the building trades and environmental groups and their collaboration and support to protect our climate while also creating good jobs.

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

In my daily work, I have attended events and meetings that discuss how to justly transition from fossil fuels and how the building and construction industry can continue to build infrastructure in a sustainable and responsible manner. I support the Climate Commitment Act and I endorse No On I-2117. The funds it has generated have been far too beneficial to let them slip away.

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 a champion for a just energy transition. Unfortunately, we are not yet at a place in our infrastructure to exclusively rely on green electricity. I believe we need to consider a mix of options including hydrogen, hydroelectric, offshore wind, solar power, wind turbines, and small modular reactors (SMR). While I advocate for robust environmental protection and oversight, it must be balanced and fair. It's crucial that we ensure a just transition away from fossil fuels. I'm concerned that without careful planning, the benefits of cleaner energy sources may only reach a select few, leaving lower-income communities to bear the negative consequences of an unjust transition.

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?

When we are looking at reaching our climate goals, renewable energy and investing to make our infrastructure energy efficient are parts of the puzzle that help us reach these goals. I am very open to learning more about the different ways to address the issue of emissions, but I don't know everything about every policy and am excited to work alongside those who do to make effective policy changes.