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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
27th Legislative District Representative # 2
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)?
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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
Links to your campaign website and/or Facebook or your most informative venue
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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've long considered running, but this moment feels right for many reasons. I'm running now because we're facing many intersecting crises that require deep, structural change based in organizing, rather than status quo politics. I'm running to confront the crises in housing, education and the environment. We need stable housing if we are to achieve any type of educational outcome. We need equitable and fully funded education to prepare our young people for the future. And we need to end our fossil fuel dependency and create good, green jobs if we want a habitable world where we and our society can survive and thrive. In short, I'm fighting for a future that works for all!
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Please explain how your campaign will address donations from utilities, fossil fuel companies, and corporate PACs?

My campaign is 100% committed to rejecting donations from utilities, corporate PACs, and fossil fuel companies in particular. This position is centered in our campaign literature, on our website, and on our fundraising site. We have managed to raise over \$60,000 despite this, with the majority being small donations from individuals within my district. This is in stark contrast to my almost entirely corporate-funded opponent, whose median contribution was \$900 and who received over 70% of his contributions directly from corporations or their PACs as of June PDC filings. Learn more at <https://www.devinfor27.org/post/connecting-fey-s-donations-to-his-votes>

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

I've worked on numerous environmental campaigns throughout the Northwest over the last 25 years. My earliest environmental organizing was as an elected leader of the Idaho Progressive Student Alliance (IPSA), where from 2000-2002 we ran a campaign bringing together environmentalists with union loggers facing layoffs to target Boise Cascade's old growth logging practices and the corporation's support of the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

More recently, I've worked on various local campaigns trying to connect labor and the environment, and specifically with significant volunteering in the efforts to get a carbon tax passed in Washington. I've also supported various national and local campaigns for a Green New Deal. I'm excited about recent policy wins such as New York's "Build Public Renewables" Act, and a Green New Deal with a Just Transition for union workers is one of my core platform points.

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

Founder, President and Statewide Organizer for Idaho Progressive Student Alliance
(Collaborations with Rainforest Action Network, Ruckus Society, Direct Action Network, Earth First from 1998-2002)
Anti-FTAA and IMF environmental organizing (2000-2002)
I-1633 volunteer (2017-18)
Organized SEIU 925 contingency for March For Science (2017)
Student climate strike support (2019-2020)
National and Tacoma DSA Green New Deal for Housing campaigns (2018-2020)

I've participated in many other small campaigns and actions over the last 25 years.

I am actively campaigning against all of the "Let's Go Washington" initiatives and have put out multiple statements against them.

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?

Climate change is the biggest existential threat we've ever faced. We must do whatever we can to prevent it turning into climate collapse. This means ending fossil fuel use today and finally ending the oil lobby's grip on politics at all levels of government. My opponent, incumbent Jake Fey, is already close to maxing out in donations for this race from Puget Sound Energy, Chevron and other polluters. I'm proud to refuse any and all corporate money, and specifically fossil fuel lobby money.

It also means future proofing our infrastructure and utilities, which are crumbling under the weight of decades of neglect and already require rebuilding. Why not build them green? Why not train up a generation of youth into a job corps that channels young people into apprenticeships and good, green union jobs? Why not create a public bank to pump in the massive funding needed?

A "just transition" to a green economy is a core component of my campaign. We must create good, union jobs for people in existing sectors facing transition, including and especially those most dependent on our current fossil fuel system, such as plumbers and pipefitters working in natural gas. This must be in coordination with rank-and-file workers, centering the needs of our diverse working class over "green" corporations.

I'm excited by recent wins by the "Build Public Renewables" act in New York State and the Green New Deal referendum in Portland, Maine. Both demonstrate that when workers and environmentalists have the political will, they can create visionary change. Let's get it done in Washington, too!

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 fully support aggressive policies to limit greenhouse gas emissions and carbon pollution. This includes carbon taxation and pursuing penalties and damages against the oil industry and the worst polluters. I also don't believe that Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is a viable "bridge" solution. That said, I believe we must center workers and impacted communities in these policies in order to be truly politically viable, and treat them more like organizing campaigns than simple policy solutions.

I also believe there is a place for technological innovations, but only if they are in service of the political and economic solutions, rather than as alternatives or giveaways to "green" corporations. I fully support carbon recapture, converting our oil infrastructure into hydrogen infrastructure, and similar solutions. But all of that must ultimately be at the same time as "keeping it in the ground" and disincentivizing further extraction and fossil fuel burning. Finally, I for the most part oppose any aerial geoengineering solutions, which strike me as short sighted and risky, although I could be swayed otherwise if there was robust scientific evidence.