



Washington State
Democratic Party

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Candidate's name	Heather Koellen
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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)	House LD 12 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?	Current North Bend City Council Member
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	www.heatherforhouse.org
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 in the power of grassroots activism and the importance of having a representative who truly understands the challenges our community faces. I have dedicated my public service to advocating for sustainable practices and fighting for environmental justice. My passion for protecting our planet and ensuring a healthy future for our children drives me to seek this office.

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

My campaign is committed to transparency and integrity. We will focus on grassroots fundraising efforts, relying on small donations from individuals who believe in our mission. This approach ensures that our campaign remains accountable to the people, not corporate interests, and allows us to advocate for policies that prioritize environmental sustainability and social justice.

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

As an intensive care unit nurse, I do not have much time for external advocacy. I have been a strong environmental champion in my time on the North Bend City Council

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

I strive to support environmental protections at every event I attend, one of my most proud achievements recently has been working with my fellow council members in order to implement fire work policy and protect our local forest and residents.

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 prioritize comprehensive climate action legislation that aims to drastically reduce carbon emissions, invest in renewable energy, and promote sustainable land use practices. Additionally, I will advocate for the protection of biodiversity through the preservation of natural habitats and stricter regulations on pollutants. My focus will also include expanding public transportation options to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and implementing policies that ensure equitable access to clean air and water for all communities, particularly those disproportionately affected by environmental injustices.

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 will support legislation that promotes energy efficiency in buildings, expands the use of electric vehicles, and invests in renewable energy infrastructure. Collaboration with local governments, businesses, and community organizations will be key to creating a unified approach to achieving these ambitious targets.