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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)	State Representative 38th LD position 1
Are you an incumbent running for re-election?	Yes
Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?	State Representative 2022
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?	1
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.electjuliocortes.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)	My professional career and community involvement has always been community focused. Since working with Cocoon House, a nonprofit that serves at risk and homeless youth and their families, I've had a passion for service. After three years of direct service at Cocoon House, my focus shifted to telling the story of the youth and families we served and seeking support for the important work. Since then, I've been able to expand my knowledge of the complex challenges our community faces as part of the Communications and Economic Development teams at the City of Everett. Being involved in community and regional groups has educated me about issues that bring challenges to our community. Our BIPOC community, our business owners, our residents who are traveling to work and I'd like the opportunity to support the work that is being done and bring new ideas to the table to help meet challenges.

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

It is important to ensure we are working towards more environmentally friendly energy sources. Our future depends on it. While that work is being done, it makes sense to ensure families have what they need to meet their basic needs.

I support transitioning our country from fossil fuels to renewable energy and subsequently generating clean energy jobs. Addressing these issues requires understanding the many intersecting ways that racial, social, and economic inequities create barriers for some while others profit off of unearned privilege provided by the systems in place. I want to ensure the legislature supports policies that will keep our water clean and accessible for all Washington residents and policies that cut and end carbon emissions, especially in our black and brown communities – which have frankly taken the brunt of the climate crisis. I have always been clear and will continue to be so with any contributors to my campaign about my intentions and priorities when it comes to ensuring we continue to move away from fossil fuels and towards more environmentally friendly energy sources.

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

I've been proud to be part of a legislative body that has prioritized many policies around the environment and climate change. I have a strong voting record for environmental justice and forward thinking laws that will ensure we are continuing to move in the right direction as a state. I am working to ensure the CCA Initiative is rejected so we can maintain our momentum.

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

I'm proud to have the endorsement of environmental organizations fighting to ensure our future is safe from continued pollution. I have supported legislation which is working towards a greener future and will continue to support those efforts!

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 plan to prioritize communities that are impacted by inequities in access to green spaces, ownership of land, and exposure to pollutants and toxins. I will support legislation that aims to eliminate the inhumane treatment of animals for the profit of people and I am in agreement with legislature to minimize the unnecessary harm and torture done to animals. As some folks know, slaughtered meat is a significant contributor to climate warming and plant-based and cultivated (in-vitro produced) meat have a greatly reduced environmental/climate impact. These alternatives offer a significant opportunity to reduce our environmental and climate impact. Supporting their development and accurate labeling can help consumers make informed choices and promote a more sustainable food system.

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 believe we should start to hold the big polluters in the State accountable for not doing their part. It's great to pass legislation and goals for ourselves but we need to also ensure we have an enforcement mechanism that we can use to ensure we meet our goals.