



Washington State
Democratic Party

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Candidate's name

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

LD 16 legislature, 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?

Precinct Officer, Walla Walla County

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

www.electlindagunshefski.com

Term of office

2 years

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

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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'm running because I benefited from the progressive changes of the 20th century - the labor movement, equal rights for women, federal student loans and medically accurate and safe contraception. I believe these policies made the American Dream possible for many who were previously excluded from it. I do not want to see these gains taken away from future generations. I will fight to keep them.

Also, I'm running because I believe in democracy. I know that the government can accomplish great things when we work cooperatively to achieve a common goal.

But mostly, I am running because I believe we can achieve a better future. And I want to leave my kids and grandkids to live in a better world.

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

I have not applied for any and have no plans to.

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

I am a lifetime member of the Sierra Club. My husband and I only drive electric vehicles, we no longer drive combustion engines, even when renting a car. We have solar panels and a battery system on our home. I contribute every month to offset my carbon footprint through Clime Works, Politically, I do not vote for any candidates or support any party that is not pro-environment.

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

As mentioned, I am a lifetime member of the Sierra Club. I am a supporter of the Blue Mountain Land Trust. I am actively campaigning against Washington Initiative 2117, the Prohibit Carbon Tax Credit Trading Initiative.

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 look forward to working towards making our world fossil-fuel free. I would support all efforts for mass transit and expand the use of the light rail in the Seattle metro area. I would explore ways for the state to improve travel by train throughout Washington. I would like to facilitate programs that aim to capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and ocean. I would advance and expand programs aimed towards protecting our waterways. I think we should look at repurposing the glut of unused office space in our downtown areas into housing so people can actually live where they work and not be forced to commute.

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 would work to increase the siting of clean renewable energy. I would require all state agencies to use electric vehicles wherever it is possible. We need to place solar panels on all state and local government buildings. We should try to make all state buildings and parks run solely on renewable energy. I also think we need to continue to push forward on making electric vehicles more attractive to consumers including improving the infrastructure for charging. We need a public marketing campaign to educate consumers as to the advantage of EVs to combat the misinformation being spewed by the fossil-fuel industry. We need to encourage clean energy mini-grids for college campuses, light industry and hospitals,