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Candidate's name	Liz Lovelett
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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)	State Senate, 40th LD Wa
Are you an incumbent running for re-election?	Yes
Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?	Anacortes City Council. 2014-2019; State Senate, 2019-present
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	lizlovelett.org
Term of office	4 years
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Campaign consultant contact information (name, email, phone number)	Maria Oyama Leininger; maria@overtonpolitical.com
Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (Not to exceed 150 words)	I have been serving my community and state for a decade and I love it! I'm able to work on the two subjects I'm most passionate about - addressing climate change and eliminating poverty. I focus on the intersection of land use and transportation infrastructure to ensure our neighborhoods are well connected to improve quality of life, create a green economy, and preserve open spaces.
Please explain how your campaign will address donations from utilities, fossil fuel companies, and corporate PACs?	My goal is to expand our democratic majorities across Washington, and any money that has been donated by utilities and other corporate PACs goes right back into the caucus to help my team win in swing districts and tough races. I do not consider a donation free speech and don't let it influence my voting - which is plain to see from my record.

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

As the Vice Chair of the Energy, Environment, and Technology Committee, I've helped shepherd almost every climate bill we've passed in the last six years. Most of my 14 bills have been to address climate change and pollution. I've charted us on a path to develop geothermal energy in Washington; expanded the program to remove derelict vessels from the Salish Sea; helped DoE phase out copper boat paint; increased protective distance to benefit our Southern Resident Killer Whales; finalized the conservation of Blanchard Mountain; created new financing options for clean energy retrofits; championed the policy to remediate 10,000 acres of kelp and eelgrass; secured capital to clean up a water system contaminated by PFAS; led on electrifying our ferries; embedded climate change into local comprehensive plans; and most importantly, helped us secure the HEAL Act to ensure environmental justice is foundational to 9 state agencies. Many of these bills have passed with unanimous support, a testament to my ability to facilitate constructive conversations with diverse colleagues.

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

In addition to having earned the continued support of Washington Conservation Action and Sierra Club, I'm helping with the coalition to defeat initiative 2117. My time on the Anacortes City Council began with ensuring we didn't sell our precious water to corporations and holding our local refineries accountable for the public risk posed by transporting Bakkan crude by rail. I've been a consistent and staunch fighter for the health of our communities by supporting a just transition and helping facilitate the workforce development, state policies, and investments required to make the needed changes.

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?

This is exactly what I do in Olympia. I chair the land use committee, I'm VC of environment, and lead the ferry legislators on transportation - I will keep up my commitment to these principles when I return in 2025. Specifically, I will build on my work to site clean energy facilities and transmission; work on the ReWrap act to reduce packaging pollution and increase recycling; and help to strengthen the community process on industrial siting to reduce environmental justice impacts.

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?

Facilitating expansion of clean energy projects while ensuring we uphold tribal sovereignty; increasing investments in multi-modal transportation; improving housing options so people can live and work in their community without a car; holding companies accountable for their emissions and helping them to reduce their carbon footprint; lifting up industrial symbiosis as a development tool; strengthening local food networks and helping with the alternative protein market; tracking investments from the CCA to meet our environmental justice goals; and reducing pollution from packaging, shipping, and other contaminants.