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Democratic Party

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

State Representative LD 28, 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?

Yes, State Representative LD 28, position 1 in: 2018, 2020, 2022

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

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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 am running for re-election to ensure every family in the 28th District and across the state has:

1. Financial security through living-wage jobs, worker safety and protections, and strong pensions
2. Affordable housing, safe communities, and access to a quality public education from early learning through college or technical training
3. Thriving small businesses

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

I consider donations from utilities transitioning away from fossil fuels and evaluate my acceptance of donations from corporate PACs based on their values.

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

In 2022, I worked to bring over \$17 million in capital and transportation projects to my district which included salmon habitat restoration. Additionally, I was proud to vote for SB 5126, the Climate Commitment Act, now signed into law. In past sessions I also introduced and sponsored HB 1620 to provide communities with resources to cope with issues caused by climate change, like wildfire smoke and extreme temperature shifts. I co-sponsored HB 1046 in favor of community solar programs. I also supported HB 1814, HB 1663, HB 1691, HB 1799, HB 1812, HB 1099, HB 1091, SB 5126, and HB 1287, just to name a few. I've also brought great salmon restoration projects back to my district. These are just a few examples.

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

Some listed above - I've previously or currently been endorsed or supported by Washington Forest Protection Association, Washington Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, the ECC, etc. I also work with climate partners on expanding rail, etc.. Further, I brought forward the Extreme Weather Protection Act (Hb1012) introduced first in 2022 after the extreme heat crisis from summer of 2021, and passed this year.

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 continue to ensure that funding to help with environmental issues is directed to the communities that suffer most from those problems, who are all too often the most marginalized communities overall. This was specifically enumerated both in HB 1620, of which I was the primary sponsor, and in SB 5126, the Climate Commitment Act, which I supported, as well as the low carbon fuel standards policy each year it was introduced until final passage. I will also seek funding for more restoration of our local watersheds, which are critical to the local economy and native culture. I also secured nearly \$16m for my district for PFAS clean as well as an additional \$400,000 for environmental clean up in part of my district. I will continue to advocate for and champion these things. I also supported climate change being a consideration in land use planning such as in HB1099.

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 continue to support expanding our carbon-neutral public transportation options, like those in SB 5974, so that Washingtonians are better equipped to transition away from vehicles powered by fossil fuels by 2030, as we mandated in HB 1091.