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Democratic Party

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<b>Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)</b>	LD 29 House State Representative Position 1
<b>Are you an incumbent running for re-election?</b>	Yes
<b>Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?</b>	Yes, School Board Director-Franklin Pierce Schools: 2015-2019 and State Representative, 29th LD, Pos. 1- 2019-2024
<b>How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?</b>	1
<b>I am a Democrat or I am willing to be identified with the Democratic Party (judicial candidates mark as noted)</b>	Yes
<b>Links to your campaign website and/or Facebook or your most informative venue</b>	<a href="https://linktr.ee/melaniemorganwa">https://linktr.ee/melaniemorganwa</a>
<b>Term of office</b>	2 years
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<b>Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (Not to exceed 150 words)</b>	In 2018, I sought this position, recognizing the 29th district's call for a leader dedicated to fostering community prosperity and advocating for the working class and people of color. My commitment centered on vital concerns like education, affordable housing, economic justice, reproductive rights, and public safety. I remain convinced that through these priorities, I can sustain a positive influence on the lives of those I serve. As their voice in office, I aim to confront systemic disparities and forge an equitable and inclusive society.
<b>Please explain how your campaign will address donations from utilities, fossil fuel companies, and corporate PACs?</b>	My campaign is committed to prioritizing the voices of the people I represent, particularly those who have been historically marginalized, including communities of color. As such, I take a cautious approach to accepting donations from utilities, fossil fuel companies, and corporate PACs. My focus is on ensuring that my campaign is supported by individuals and organizations that align with my values of racial equity, environmental justice, and community empowerment. If I do accept contributions from these sources, it is with the understanding that they will not influence my policy decisions, which remain firmly grounded in the best interests of my constituents and the environment.

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

One of my accomplishments as a state representative has been my work on promoting equitable environmental policies that recognize the disproportionate impact of climate change and pollution on communities of color. I have been a strong advocate for legislation that ensures environmental justice is a central consideration in state policy.

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

Throughout my career, I have actively engaged with various organizations and participated in events that advocate for environmental protections. I have worked closely with local environmental justice groups, attended rallies focused on climate action, and supported referendums and petitions aimed at reducing carbon emissions and protecting Washington's natural resources. Additionally, I have collaborated with my colleagues in the legislature to push forward policies that promote sustainable development and protect our state's rich biodiversity.

**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?**

If re-elected, I will prioritize legislation that advances environmental justice and addresses the climate crisis by expanding the state's commitment to clean energy through initiatives that incentivize renewable energy production and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. I will also support the creation of green jobs, particularly in underserved communities, to ensure an equitable transition to a sustainable economy. Additionally, I will advocate for stronger building and land-use policies that promote sustainability and resilience in the face of climate change, while working to improve transportation infrastructure by reducing carbon emissions and expanding public transit options.

**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?**

To accelerate Washington State's progress toward its 2030 climate goals, I will focus on key actions such as strengthening the enforcement of existing carbon reduction policies and promoting the adoption of clean energy technologies across sectors, including transportation, manufacturing, and agriculture. I will also support legislation that offers incentives for businesses and individuals to reduce their carbon footprint, such as tax credits for energy-efficient upgrades and renewable energy installations. My commitment to racial equity and environmental justice will guide all of these efforts, ensuring that we build a sustainable and inclusive future for all Washingtonians.