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**Candidate's name**

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

LD 9 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?**

No

**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**

[miller.4-wa.com](http://miller.4-wa.com)

**Term of office**

2 years

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

none

**Campaign consultant contact information (name, email, phone number)**

none

**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 the 7th LD because every member of our community deserves respect and equality. Our nation was founded on the principle that all men are created equal, endowed with unalienable rights including Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Recognizing that our work to fully realize these rights is ongoing, I am committed to furthering this cause and enshrining equality in our laws.

The hyper-partisan nature of current American politics, exacerbated by gerrymandering and winner-take-all elections, demands a return to true democratic principles. I advocate for implementing fairer voting systems such as Ranked Choice Voting, ensuring election integrity, and improving voter access.

The land and water of Eastern Washington are not merely resources to be used but are central to the identity and livelihood of our communities. I am dedicated to the sustainable management and protection of these precious resources for both current and future generations.

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

I don't plan on accepting donations from utilities, fossil fuel companies, and corporate PACs. My opponent's campaign is receiving those donations and has been since she first ran for election.

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

I have been a vocal proponent of changes needed to address climate change and other human caused environmental disasters. As early as elementary school I cautioned against the Spokane Waste To Energy facility for its lack of long term planning for handling the ash dumps and potential impacts to downwind residents. More recently I have been involved with the Spokane Sustainability Action Plan and contribute to Spokane 350.

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

Spokane Sustainability Action Plan, Spokane 350, Sierra club, Citizens Climate Lobby, Environmental Defense Fund

**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?**

We need to ensure that environmental impact is included in the cost of doing business. Yet we will also need to balance that against hurting families that are already struggling. I would support plans that reduce community car dependency, improve efficiency of buildings and community design, and improve infrastructure to support overall electrification. I would also support the removal of counter incentives.

**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?**

A holistic approach is needed. Along with the above transportation, infrastructure, and growth management needs we would need to continue to improve clean energy production, and to improve the sustainability of industrial and agricultural practices. Encouraging the development and productization of cleaner processes and plants would also serve to create economic opportunities, especially for communities that may need help transitioning to a sustainable economy. I will work with anyone who shares similar priorities and goals and will focus on demonstrating how the long term benefits will strengthen our economy and social structure both locally and on a state-wide basis.