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LD 27 - SENATE
Are you an incumbent running for re-election?
Yes
Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?
I was appointed to the Senate in 2021 and won my first election in 2022. This will be my second election cycle.
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?
0
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
4 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 today for the same reasons I decided to make the leap for the appointment in 2021. That is to use an opportunity to use the combination of my diverse lived experience and legislative work experience to serve the community I love so much.

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

We don't address them. I think that we make these distinctions in the assumption that campaign donations are what drives policy decisions. But this undermines those who come from communities or backgrounds where it is incredibly difficult to raise money or where it wouldn't make sense to ask loved ones working hard to spend their money. I also know that the ability to surplus and ensure we have a larger majority is also incredibly helpful in moving progressive priorities forward. My surplus is how I was able to leverage very important progressive policies and get the political will and votes necessary to make that happen. I am instead true in my values and that is reflected in my voting record. I consistently vote against the interests of corporations and corporate polluters. I have voted for, introduced, and passed policies that that do that too. For what it is worth, I would absolutely support campaign finance reform but until that happens, I think we actually create inequities on who can even enter the political world because of funding or the lack thereof to support them.

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

I passed a bill last year to put in statute that criminal polluters can pay out restitution for their crimes. This was modeled after the Electron Dam case where the Puyallup Tribe was awarded restitution but where the judge identified that he was unclear on the issue since it was not in RCW, as other restitution for criminal violations is. This was in partnership with the Environmental Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office and Communities for a Healthy Bay, an organization that supports a clean and healthy bay right here in Tacoma. An exciting element is that an entity does not have to identify as a victim when the case is brought. Rather, when a charge is brought against a criminal polluter, Ecology and EPD (enforcers of the 3 environmental acts this applies to) can actually put out notices to other potential victims to come forward once the case is filed. It is written so that local governments, private businesses and those impacted by the harms a polluter causes can go directly to the courts to force these companies to pay for the damages done. I am incredibly proud of this bill and can't wait to support more policies like it.

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

I am endorsed by Washington Conservation Action and have worked closely with Front and Centered on Equity rooted climate forward opportunities. I am an ex-officio member of WWRP and have participated in our local "green drinks" forums in the past. I remain proud of the legislation above but also want to highlight all the investments in the Capital Budget that I was able to help with as one of the lead negotiators in the Senate.

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 plan to introduce legislation this session to update all the criminal penalties in the clean air, clean water and model toxics control act. This is also in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Division at the Attorney General's Office and is being drafted right now. I will plan to circulate at the end of this month for stakeholder feedback. I also am in position to be our next Chair of the Capital Budget and will continue to focus on how we can maximize CCA dollars and other investments in our environment.

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?

We need to do more, faster. I know orgs and individuals are working hard to ensure we have a workable CCA after November and I am grateful for that but we need to accelerate our efforts and in doing so, make sure we are incorporating living wage jobs so that our labor partners come along with this in a way that is meaningful to the planet and for their families and we need to invest where lower income or rural communities might not have the resources yet for some available transitions right now. I will continue to fight for all of those priorities to ensure that we finally do get on track and meet our intended targets.