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<b>Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)</b>
LD 48 WA State Senate
<b>Are you an incumbent running for re-election?</b>
No
<b>Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?</b>
Yes; Kirkland Council and Mayor, LD 48 WA State Representative
<b>How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?</b>
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<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://www.voteamywalen.com/">https://www.voteamywalen.com/</a>
<b>Term of office</b>
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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>
I am running for State Senate because Washington faces urgent challenges that require bold, compassionate leadership—housing affordability, climate change, and protecting the rights of working families. As a longtime small business owner, former Mayor of Kirkland, and current State Representative, I have worked directly with communities to solve problems and create opportunity. I've seen firsthand how environmental decisions affect public health, our economy, and the future we leave for our children. My experience navigating complex legislation, like passing bills to expand housing supply and reduce carbon emissions from buildings, has prepared me to lead on these issues in the Senate. I believe we must accelerate climate action, protect our natural resources, and ensure that clean energy transition creates family-wage union jobs.

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

I have always been transparent about my campaign finances, and I believe voters deserve to know where their leaders stand. While my campaign has accepted donations from a broad range of sectors, including utilities and energy, my values and priorities remain unchanged: Washington must meet its climate goals and transition to a clean energy economy. I believe that solving our climate crisis requires accountability and collaboration from all sectors — including business, utilities and energy companies — to ensure they are part of building solutions, not delaying them. As a legislator, my record shows that I will continue to fight for policies that reduce carbon emissions, expand clean energy, and prioritize environmental justice, regardless of where contributions come from. My commitment is clear: people and the planet always come first.

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

In the 2025–26 session, I sponsored HB 1757, which modified regulations for existing commercial buildings to allow more conversions into residential housing. This reduces urban sprawl, makes use of existing infrastructure, and cuts carbon emissions. I also co-sponsored legislation supporting the Clean Fuels Standard, investments in electric vehicle infrastructure, and building performance standards to lower emissions. At the city level, as Kirkland Mayor, I championed sustainable transportation and green building policies, including investments in transit and walkable neighborhoods. These efforts reflect my long-standing commitment to climate action through both policy and local leadership.

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

Co-sponsored and supported state legislation on the Clean Fuels Standard and building emissions reduction.

As Kirkland Mayor, advanced green building standards and multimodal transportation planning.

Partnered with local environmental groups on tree canopy preservation and watershed protection.

Engaged with Sierra Club and environmental justice advocates on climate-focused legislation.

Participated in community climate forums and environmental justice town halls.

**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 prioritize legislation to:

Strengthen building performance standards and incentives to retrofit existing housing and commercial buildings for energy efficiency.

Advance clean energy infrastructure while ensuring strong labor standards and union job creation.

Protect biodiversity through forest and watershed conservation.

Strengthen Growth Management Act provisions to support dense, affordable housing near transit.

Champion environmental justice measures to ensure frontline communities benefit first from clean energy investments.

Expand funding for public transit to reduce emissions and improve equitable access to transportation.

**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 must accelerate reductions by focusing on the sectors that contribute most—transportation and buildings. I will work to:

Expand electrification of public transit and freight vehicles, with incentives for EV adoption.

Strengthen and enforce building performance standards, while funding retrofits and conversions to efficient, affordable housing.

Advance clean energy investments in solar, wind, and storage, paired with a just transition for workers.

Protect and restore natural carbon sinks—forests, wetlands, and shorelines—that sequester carbon and support biodiversity.

Ensure environmental justice is centered in climate policy by directing resources to overburdened communities.

Meeting our 2030 goals requires urgency and accountability, and I am committed to ensuring Washington leads the way on climate solutions that support both people and the planet.