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<b>Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)</b>
Washington State Representative, 33rd Legislative District, Position 1 (Democrat)
<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>
Current: Washington State Representative (appointed 2024).
<b>How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?</b>
(Burien Mayor Kevin Schilling is also running).
<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="http://edwinobras.org">edwinobras.org</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>
I am running to continue serving the 33rd District because our communities deserve a representative who has lived their struggles and will fight for equity, opportunity, and justice. As an immigrant from the Philippines, the first in my family to graduate from college, and someone with over 25 years of experience in human services, I know what it takes to uplift working families and marginalized communities. In the Legislature, I've already championed worker protections, housing affordability, and public safety reforms that reflect the needs of SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines, and South King County. I want to build on this progress — ensuring families can afford homes, workers are treated with dignity, and our state takes bold action on climate change and public health. My campaign is rooted in community service and a vision of a more just, sustainable Washington.

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

I will not take contributions from fossil fuel companies, utilities that block clean energy progress, or corporate PACs that undermine community needs. My campaign is powered by people — workers, families, and neighbors who share a vision for climate justice and equity. I have built a career in public service and nonprofit advocacy, not corporate influence, and I believe political campaigns should reflect that same independence. I am committed to climate-forward policies that reduce emissions, expand renewable energy, and hold polluters accountable. Accepting fossil fuel money would undermine this commitment and the trust of constituents who expect bold leadership on climate action.

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

**Affordable Housing with Sustainability:** As president of the Filipino Community of Seattle, I co-chaired a capital campaign to develop affordable housing, emphasizing sustainability and community-centered design.

**Legislative Action:** In my first session, I co-sponsored bills addressing unreasonable rent hikes and tenant protections — stabilizing housing is climate policy, reducing displacement and sprawl.

**Justice & Equity Lens:** I have consistently prioritized policies that protect vulnerable workers and communities, aligning with environmental justice by ensuring marginalized populations have safe housing, transportation access, and protections from environmental harm.

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

Board President, Filipino Community of Seattle – led campaigns that incorporated affordable housing and sustainability initiatives.

Chair, SeaTac Human Services Advisory Committee (2016–2018) – advocated for policies connecting community safety, housing, and public health with environmental well-being.

Co-sponsor of legislation to strengthen tenant rights and limit exploitative housing costs, directly addressing environmental justice by reducing forced migration and housing insecurity.

Supporter of labor rights for agricultural cannabis workers and bills to tighten gun safety laws — policy areas tied to rural equity, safe communities, and broader sustainability.

**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?**

**Clean Energy & Climate Goals:** Strengthen laws to ensure Washington meets its 2030 carbon reduction target.

**Transportation Justice:** Advocate for sustainable transit solutions in South King County, reducing car dependency while ensuring equitable access.

**Affordable Housing with Sustainability:** Support state-level investment in affordable housing designed for energy efficiency, resilience, and reduced climate impact.

**Workplace Protections & Green Jobs:** Advance legislation that protects workers while building pathways into renewable energy and green infrastructure jobs.

**Community Safety & Justice Reform:** Pursue legislation linking environmental health to public safety — addressing pollution, toxic exposures, and their impact on vulnerable populations.

**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 progress:

Invest in Clean Transit: Expand light rail, bus rapid transit, and safe pedestrian/bike networks in South King County.

Decarbonize Buildings: Support stricter building codes for energy efficiency and incentivize retrofits for existing housing stock.

Expand Renewable Energy: Push for faster permitting and broader incentives for solar, wind, and community-based clean energy projects.

Hold Polluters Accountable: Strengthen enforcement of climate and pollution standards, ensuring industries transition responsibly.

Center Equity in Climate Policy: Ensure frontline communities — immigrants, workers, and low-income families — are prioritized in climate investments