



Timestamp
8/26/2025 14:39:30
Candidate's name
Vandana Slatter
Candidate's email address
friendsofvandanaslatter@gmail.com
Candidate's phone number
4257770579
Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
WA State Senate, 48th LD
Are you an incumbent running for re-election?
Yes
Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?
I have been honored to serve as State Senator for Bellevue since 2017, working to advance progressive legislation that expands access to education, reproductive rights and healthcare, workers' rights, addresses climate change, grows affordable housing, and builds an inclusive, innovative economy for all. Before joining the Senate, I served on the Bellevue City Council, the State Board of Pharmacy, and was a proud member of SEIU. Throughout my career, I have championed access to medicine, innovation, education, and the opportunity to serve in public office—especially for women and BIPOC individuals. In the legislature, I have been proud to help pass nation-leading policies, including ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, stronger health data privacy protections, expanded postsecondary education and apprenticeship opportunities for first-generation students, major multimodal transportation investments, support for our behavioral health workforce, student loan forgiveness, and new pathways for women and all workers to strengthen and fully participate in our economy.
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?
2
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
https://vandanaslatter.com
Term of office
special election
Campaign manager contact information (name, email, phone number)
Amaris Cupples amaris@vandanaslatter.com 2533328374
Campaign consultant contact information (name, email, phone number)
Erin Shultz erin@nwpcconsulting.com 3233848683

Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (Not to exceed 150 words)

I was inspired to run for office to increase accessibility to healthcare, opportunity, and education for the people of my district and Washington State. As a healthcare professional, a former Bellevue City Councilmember, and an active member of the Bellevue community, I wanted to bring my collaborative style, experience, and analytical mind to Olympia to continue championing the issues I care about to solve some of our region's toughest challenges. I believe effective government provides opportunities and removes obstacles for residents, families, and businesses to build their futures and thrive. Because of my personal and professional experiences, I am committed to being a voice for science and equity - using a data-driven approach to crafting policies and listening to the voices of those affected so that we can improve the lives of all Washingtonians. I am proud of my accomplishments in the legislature, where I have used this approach to expand access to healthcare and post-secondary education, including apprenticeships, environmental justice, economic justice, racial justice, and housing. I plan to continue this work if I am reelected.

I have lived in Northeast Bellevue with my family since 2003, and I love the community I am a part of. I am proud to have represented my neighbors here, both on the Bellevue City Council and in the State House. I've worked for a future that reflects our community's resilience, innovation, and diversity. With the continued support of the WSBCTC, I can continue supporting all our diverse communities and creating a better future for workers.

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

I have always believed that the voices of people—not powerful corporations—should shape our future. That's why my campaign does not and will not take contributions from fossil fuel companies, or utilities that profit at the expense of our climate and communities. Instead, I am proud that my campaign is fueled by grassroots support from neighbors, community leaders, and organizations like the Sierra Club, Jane Fonda Climate PAC, Planned Parenthood, the 48th LD Democrats, and the King County Democrats who know my record as a fierce advocate for climate action, healthcare, and equity.

As State Senator, I have worked to pass nation-leading climate policies that cut greenhouse gas emissions, invest in clean transportation, and grow a sustainable economy that works for everyone. I want Washingtonians to know that when I make decisions, I am accountable only to them—and to the next generation whose future depends on bold action today.

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

I'm proud to have helped Washington lead on climate action while keeping equity at the center. I co-sponsored climate-integrated land use reform, supported the Climate Commitment Act, and strengthened climate planning to cut emissions and protect our communities. I secured funding for clean transit and urban green spaces, championed green jobs through the Climate Corps, and advanced sewage equity legislation to protect historically overburdened neighborhoods. I also passed My Health My Data, ensuring people's sensitive health and environmental information is safe.

These accomplishments matter because climate change isn't just an environmental issue—it's a public health and economic crisis. I fight for solutions that protect our planet, strengthen communities, and create opportunities for everyone to thrive in a clean energy future.

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

I have engaged in a range of actions to advance environmental protections, including:

Supporting legislation like the Climate Commitment Act (SB 5126), climate-integrated land use reform (HB 1099), and My Health My Data.

Securing funding for clean transit, urban green spaces, and climate resilience projects through the Move Ahead Washington package and 2025 capital budget.

Advocating for green jobs via the statewide Climate Corps program.

Leading efforts against pipeline and sewage regulation rollbacks, including new sewage equity legislation.

Participating in community events, forums, and rallies focused on climate action and environmental justice, and partnering with organizations such as the Sierra Club, Jane Fonda Climate PAC, Planned Parenthood, 48th LD Democrats, King County Democrats, and Washington Conservation Action to amplify advocacy efforts.

These efforts reflect my commitment to protecting both people and planet while creating an equitable, clean energy future.

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 bold, equitable climate and environmental action that protects both people and our planet. This includes:

Advancing greenhouse gas emissions reductions and supporting the implementation of the Climate Commitment Act.

Expanding clean transportation and equitable transit access, including investments in multimodal options and urban green infrastructure.

Promoting environmental justice by protecting historically overburdened communities from pollution and climate impacts.

Strengthening land use, growth management, and climate-integrated planning to ensure sustainable, resilient communities.

Supporting biodiversity, climate resilience, and green job creation, including programs like the statewide Climate Corps.

Continuing to champion public health protections, including legislation like My Health My Data, to safeguard sensitive health and environmental information.

I will fight for solutions that are ambitious, inclusive, and grounded in equity, ensuring Washington remains a national leader in climate action and sustainable growth.

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?

Washington is not on track to meet our 2030 climate goals, and we can't wait. I'll push hard to strengthen the Climate Commitment Act, expand clean transportation, and make sure our land use and growth policies support low-carbon, resilient communities. I'll fight for green infrastructure, urban forestry, and climate resilience projects that protect communities hit hardest by pollution and extreme heat, and grow programs like the Climate Corps to create good green jobs while cutting emissions.

Meeting our 2030 goals means acting boldly, innovatively, and equitably—and that's exactly what I'll do.