

# Candidate Endorsement Application & Questionnaire for 2026: Environment and Climate Caucus of the Washington State Democratic Party

The Environment and Climate Caucus (ECC) was founded in 2017. We work with a diverse community of stakeholders including the Washington State Democratic Party Central Committee and its associated caucuses.

The ECC grants endorsements to those candidates running for statewide, congressional, and legislative offices, who have demonstrated through experience and commitment, their support of ECC's mission to advocate for legislation and policy that protects the environment and supports effective responses to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

We are delighted that you are seeking ECC's endorsement. Please complete the questionnaire below online or provide to the email address provided below. In fairness to other applicants - incomplete or non-compliant applications, and late submissions, will not be considered.

Your responses will be shared with the ECC voting members who will review your questionnaire and the information provided on your campaign website, social media, and/or literature, with regard to meeting the ECC's stated mission.

\* Indicates required question

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1. Email \*

## Application and Completed Questionnaire for Endorsement Deadlines:

4/12/2026 Eligibility Date for ECC Membership (30 days before close of voting)

4/16/2026 ECC General Meeting

**4/25/2026 Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire Due - Primary Election**

5/5 - 5/12/2026 ECC Primary Election Endorsement Ballot

5/15/2026 Contact endorsed candidates

8/4/2026 Primary Election

8/16/2026 Eligibility Date for ECC Membership (30 days before close of voting)

**8/29/2026 Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire Due - General Election**

9/8 - 9/15/2026 ECC General Election Endorsement Ballot

**9/10/2026 ECC General Meeting - Candidate Forum**

9/18/2026 Contact endorsed candidates

11/3/2026 General Election

## ECC Voting and Results:

Voting occurs electronically among eligible ECC members. The Voting Period takes place over one week following the due date for submission in each election. Results will be announced to those candidates who have received endorsement at the completion of the Voting Period.

## Endorsement Rules:

The endorsement process will be according to the ECC's standing 2024 Endorsement Rules (<https://eccwa.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/ECC-Endorsement-Rules-2024.pdf>).

## Submit questions to:

Jeff Berner, ECC Endorsements - [endorsements@eccwa.org](mailto:endorsements@eccwa.org)

Basic information (essay questions in next section)

2. Candidate's name \*

3. Candidate's email address \*

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4. Candidate's phone number \*

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

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6. Are you an incumbent running for re-election? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

7. Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when? \*

8. How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)? \*

9. I am a Democrat or I am willing to be identified with the Democratic Party Uudicial candidates mark as noted) \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

I am a judicial candidate

10. Links to your campaign website and/or Facebook or your most informative venue \*

11. Term of office \*

*Mark only one oval.*

2 years

4 years

6 years

special election

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

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

### Essay questions

Please note word limits, and don't forget to answer all questions. Incomplete questionnaires cannot be considered.

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

Please limit your answers to the next five questions to 1000 words total



18. 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? \*

19. 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?

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