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## CONGRESSIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

**Maria Cantwell, US Senate**

It is more important than ever to elect environmental champions like Senator Cantwell. Senator Cantwell has led the fight to protect America's Arctic, Bristol Bay and defend against a host of attacks on our bedrock national environmental laws and standards. Senator Cantwell has championed protection of the Methow Valley headwaters from mining threats. She continues to press for adequate funding for protection and restoration of Puget Sound as well as working to protect our coast from off-shore oil drilling.

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# Let's make history: Vote for Initiative 1631

By Julia Reitan and Caleb Heeringa

Initiative 1631 would finally make the state's largest polluters start accounting for their impacts to our air, water and climate. These polluters include the oil industry and fossil fuel-heavy utilities like Puget Sound Energy, which are fighting this clean energy initiative with massive misinformation media campaigns.

The measure would charge a fee to corporate polluters and invest that revenue in clean energy, water quality and forest projects that improve communities throughout Washington State. We know that with this initiative, we can protect our health, build new good-paying jobs, and ensure a cleaner future for the next generation.

An unprecedented coalition has united together behind this policy - labor unions, communities of color, environmental groups, health professionals, businesses, tribes and faith organizations. At least 35% of all investments will benefit communities hardest hit by pollution and poverty - because the neighborhood you live in shouldn't determine whether you have clean air to breathe and healthy water to drink.

For decades, Americans have been told that they needed to choose between jobs and the environment. This coalition shows that this is a false choice - clean energy jobs already outnumber those in fossil fuels, and I-1631 would kickstart that transition by creating thousands of new jobs in clean energy, forest health and manufacturing in Washington State. The initiative is also carefully crafted to help protect workers in Washington State, by exempting trade-sensitive industries and providing funding for worker retraining and economic transition.

Climate change is real and we're seeing the effects right now in Washington State, including record-setting wildfires that threaten our communities, plus a warming and acidifying Pacific Ocean. Avoiding the worst impacts of climate change is going to require bold solutions: putting a price on the bad (dirty fossil fuels) and using that revenue to invest in the good (clean energy and healthy communities).

Washington State could make history by passing I-1631, becoming the first state in the nation to pass climate policy at the ballot box. This is the kind of policy

that could be scaled up and applied at the national and international level to address the worst impacts of climate change. That's why you're seeing the oil industry pour massive amounts of money - more than \$16 million thus far - into the state to fund misleading ads to defeat this measure.

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### LOOK WHO'S SAYING YES ON 1631:



THE VOICES WE ALL TRUST ARE SAYING

**YES ON 1631.**

### WHO'S SAYING NO TO 1631?



**OUT-OF-STATE OIL COMPANIES**

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# Mid-term Elections 2018: CONGRESS TO CITY COUNCIL KEEPING WASHINGTON GREEN

By Bonnie Gail, Washington State Sierra Club Political Chair

Washington State is at the heart of a broader national debate regarding the balance of commerce and quality of life for our generation and those to follow. To effectively counter the effects of climate change and protect our most vulnerable wildlife and places, we must engage our elected leaders as well as those running for future positions. The volunteers of the Washington State Chapter Political Committee have endorsed 10 Federal candidates, over 60 legislative candidates and numerous local candidates.

This year we have the honor to re-endorse our state Senator Maria Cantwell. Senator Cantwell is an environmental champion to her core. She has been a strong voice to prevent oil drilling off our shores and to end destructive practices in our forests. We are also proud to endorse Lisa Brown, environmental leader from the state legislature, now running in the 5th U.S. Congressional District.

In addition, we support new state legislative candidates such as Jessa Lewis (6th LD, Senate) and Lauren Davis (32nd LD, Representative #2) who are new to running for office but bring with them a breadth of experience in advocating for their communities. These candidates and many others are ready to create more green jobs, promote clean energy, and make sure our air and water are clean for years to come.

We present all of currently endorsed candidates here as well as online at:  
<https://www.sierraclub.org/endorsements-2018>

Feel free to reach out to your group political chair with questions.

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## Upcoming voter deadlines!

- **October 29** - Deadline for new Washington State voter registration (in person only).
- **November 6** - General Election

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## CONGRESSIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

### **Suzan DelBene, House District 1**

DelBene continues to demonstrate that she understands the environmental issues facing us today. As a leader in the House of Representatives, she reached across the aisle to introduce the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers bills. She believes strongly in reducing our dependence of fossil fuels by investing in clean, renewable energy.



### **Lisa Brown, House District 5**

Brown has deep roots in eastern Washington having taught both at Eastern Washington University and Gonzaga University. In her most recent job as Chancellor of Washington State University Spokane, she worked with both Republicans and Democrats to develop a medical school and a teaching health clinic which trains medical residents to serve patients across eastern Washington. Brown served two terms in the state House of Representatives and was elected to the Senate. Brown is committed to building the connections between economic prosperity and environmental preservation that are critically important in eastern Washington. She prides herself on bringing people together to forge solutions.



### **Rick Larsen, House District 2**

Larsen has worked on key environmental legislation, including the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Wild Skies Initiative, funding salmon habitat and recovery and supporting Transportation infrastructure with emphasis on alternative modes. Larsen believes air and water pollution and the impacts of climate disruption disproportionately impact our nation's poorest families, working class communities, and communities of color, who are more likely to live in areas where air pollution exceeds national standards. Representative Larsen recognizes the effects of climate change and is leading the charge to stop these impacts while making investments in clean energy jobs.



### **Derek Kilmer, House District 6**

Representative Kilmer continues to be a strong environmental leader. He is proud to be a defender of clean air and water, an advocate for our National Parks, and a champion for restoring Puget Sound. Notably, he has joined regional leaders from the National Forest Service, local governments, the local timber industry, and environmental advocacy groups to officially launch the Olympic Peninsula Forest Collaborative, which is focused on landscape restoration, watershed protection, and habitat conservation that will responsibly increase harvest levels and create economic opportunities on the Olympic Peninsula.



### **Carolyn Long, House District 3**

Long has been a political science professor at WSU Vancouver since 1995. She believes climate change is the most pressing issue of our time and that it is being made worse by underfunding of our regulatory agencies, such as the EPA. Long plans to guard against attempts to weaken both the laws that protect our communities and our environment and efforts to undercut the EPA's ability to enforce those laws. Long is committed to advancing clean energy with a just transition focused on ensuring that the price of moving to a clean energy economy does not fall most heavily on the backs of working people.



### **Pramila Jayapal, House District 7**

Throughout Representative Jayapal's career, she has advocated for the environment. As an activist, a State Senator, and since her election in 2016, Representative Jayapal has continued to be an environmental champion. Representative Jayapal is advocating for a clean energy economy through the "100 by 50" Act, which lays out a roadmap to achieve 100 percent renewable energy by 2050, including a just transition for workers in the fossil fuel industry. Jayapal has led the fight for multi-modal transportation options. She has helped pass incentives for electric vehicles and investment in the state's electric vehicle infrastructure.



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## CONGRESSIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

### **Dr. Kim Schrier, House District 8**

Dr. Schrier is a local family doctor who was activated by the 2016 election, to run for office for the first time. Her main focus is healthcare. With a background in science, she believes evidence based on principles and methods should be used to evaluate environmental policy. Her questionnaire and interview responses show she cares deeply about the environment and the effects of climate change. She understands the effects of climate change on community health and believes that public safety includes being safe from the dangers of toxic pollution. Dr. Schrier's voice as a physician is one Congress needs.



### **Adam Smith, House District 9**

Smith has been a consistent and effective environmental leader, focusing on supporting renewable and alternate energy sources, increasing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards and supporting energy efficient construction. Congressman Smith has sponsored and co-sponsored many bills that seek to protect and improve our environment. He believes that it's important to preserve all of our national parks, protect our water and air, and ensure environmental justice for all people. Recently, his bill HR 1791, the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Act, passed unanimously through the House. This legislation serves as a step forward in protecting our beautiful Pacific Northwest region.



### **Denny Heck, House District 10**

Representative Heck continues to fight for working families and to protect the environment in the South Sound. Heck believes our country is at its best with a healthy environment to pass on to future generations. He believes climate change is real and recognizes that frequent and intense droughts, wildfires, and extreme weather events threaten our national security. He believes we can and should implement cost efficient plans to transition to a low-carbon economy. He plans to push for sustainable policies like the Wind Protection Tax Credit and Solar Investment Tax Credit, as well as supporting the vital work of the EPA, including its funding of Puget Sound recovery programs.



## WASHINGTON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### **Derek Stanford, House District 1**

Representative Stanford is a reliable protector of the environment. As a key leader on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, he works to improve fish habitat and water quality. He is an advocate for water rights that protect salmon and tribal rights, transportation solutions, and equitable tax reform.



### **Marcus Riccelli, House District 3**

Riccelli is committed to protecting the natural beauty of Washington. He believes that family income should not be a barrier to experiencing the outdoors. From local challenges like toxins in the Spokane River to global challenges like climate change, he works to keep our planet livable for generations to come.



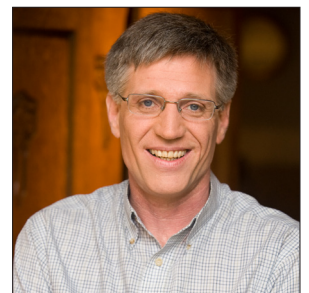
### **Shelly Kloba, House District 1**

Representative Kloba has been a consistently strong supporter of the environment, education, access to healthcare, and affordable housing. She was the primary sponsor of a bill that extended the Expanded Learning Opportunities Council to increase opportunities for students from low-income backgrounds and introduced legislation requiring composting and recycling in public schools.



### **Timm Ormsby, House District 3**

Ormsby has demonstrated a commitment to generating sustainable revenue. He has said that supporting the Governor's fight against climate change is a "no-brainer." He believes the issues surrounding the quantity and quality of our water resources should be front and center on the legislative agenda.



# WASHINGTON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **Jessa Lewis, Senate District 6**

Lewis is a strong advocate for public lands, environmental stewardship, and green economy. She thinks climate change is a defining issue for our time. In the face of new development, she supports the principle of “water for water mitigation” in order to protect salmon and other species.



## **Zack Hudgins, House District 11**

Hudgins has served the 11th District since December of 2002. Representative Hudgins has been an environmental champion with a near-perfect voting record on priority environmental bills. He has been recognized for his efforts to protect communities from toxic substances and prevent the weakening of Washington’s environmental laws.



## **Karen Hardy, Senate District 7**

Hardy is a supporter of Initiative 1631. She would like to find better solutions for issues of rural water and the many dangers to rivers, streams, and salmon. She promises to work for clean and flowing rivers and supports the removal of Enloe Dam near Oroville. Protecting public lands is a high priority for her.



## **Steve Bergquist, House District 11**

Bergquist has maintained a perfect record of support for environmental legislation. He was the prime sponsor of HB 2660, which promoted public access to waterways alongside transportation projects.



## **Scott McMullen, House District 10**

McMullen, a professional firefighter, served 8 years on the Mount Vernon City Council. On the Council, McMullen acquired land for a future park. As a veteran, he has worked in creating apprenticeship programs for veterans returning to the civilian workforce. These priorities and perspectives demonstrate his intent to bring working family values to the legislature.



## **Bengie Aguilar, House District 15**

Aguilar believes we need to start moving our whole society toward being part of the climate solution. She believes green energy industries will bring new jobs and a growing economy. She feels protecting our environment and keeping our communities safe is crucial to the future of our planet.



## **David Paul, House District 10**

Paul is currently serving as Vice President of Skagit Valley College, where he has promoted sustainability, lower energy consumption, more recycling and reduced paper usage. He understands the environmental benefits attainable by providing incentives for renewable energy solutions and eliminating costly taxpayer-funded subsidies to fossil fuel companies.



## **Tanisha Harris, House District 17**

Harris’s focus on quality education includes fighting to prevent an increase in air and water pollution, which affect public health. Harris supports I-1631 and has been recognized for her work on behalf of the community in Vancouver. She will work for infrastructure projects which will improve both the environment and quality of life in SW Washington.



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# WASHINGTON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **Kathy Gillespie, House District 18**

Gillespie opposes the expansion of fossil fuels and other unsustainable resources. She emphasizes the need for a clear state strategy to seek and develop new clean energy projects, with accountability built in. Kathy is an excellent communicator and bases her opinions and decisions on clear, scientific evidence.



## **Lillian Ortiz-Self, House District 21**

Ortiz-Self continues to be an advocate for the environment and the citizens of her district. As a member of the Transportation committee, she is involved in efforts to improve clean infrastructure. She has also sponsored bills for stricter enforcement of pesticide regulations and notification of pesticide exposure to protect agricultural laborers.



## **Chris Thobaben, House District 18**

Thobaben supports I-1631 as a “superb” step forward in limiting and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. He supports schools and believes programs such as STEM, arts, and trades education are essential. He is driving voter engagement across the district.



## **Laurie Dolan, House District 22**

Dolan is a former policy advisor to Governor Gregoire. In that position she helped pass the Western States Climate Change Initiative and the Puget Sound Partnership. Fully funding education, environmental protection and sustainability, creating income equality, fixing our regressive tax system, social justice and voting rights access are her top priorities.



## **Marko Liias, Senate District 21**

Liias has shown excellent leadership in transportation and environmental issues. As a member of the Transportation committee, he was a sponsor of a bill to require electric or biofuel for all public transportation. He has also sponsored bills for fish passage barrier removal and energy efficient construction. He is committed to reducing our emissions.



## **Beth Doglio, House District 22**

Doglio is a Sierra Club member and active in the Power Past Coal campaign. Her priorities are environmental protection, education funding, and addressing economic inequality. She is committed to combating climate change, to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and to opposing new transportation, storage and export facilities for fossil fuels. She advocates protecting our water and opposes new dams.



## **Strom Peterson, House District 21**

Representative Peterson has been a strong advocate for the environment. He supported oil train safety legislation as well as legislation to ban cancer-causing chemicals used to fight fires. These chemicals are currently contaminating water sources and have a high potential to infiltrate drinking water according to the Department of Health.



## **Sherry Appleton, House District 23**

Appleton has served in the state legislature since 2004 and has a near-perfect record on environmental issues. As chair of the House Local Government Committee, she has been on the front lines fighting against a series of bills that would have undermined the important goals of the Growth Management Act.



# WASHINGTON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **Drew Hansen, House District 23**

Hansen fought for full ferry funding and successfully advocated to fund the cleanup of Port Gamble Bay and habitat restoration in Kitsap County and Puget Sound. He is the author of several bills which help reduce the threat of oil spills from derelict vessels.



## **Jamie Smith, House District 25**

Smith has been a high school educator for a decade. She will push for living wage jobs along with promoting green businesses. She understands the need for protection of our environment from the devastation of climate change and she supports more rapid transit.



## **Mike Chapman, House District 24**

Chapman was the key legislator in a vote against non-native net pen fish farming. He was critical to setting up a DNR advisory committee on the best strategy to comply with the federal regulations to protect endangered species. Chapman will continue to expand the scope of the oil spill and green house emissions taxes.



## **Emily Randall, Senate District 26**

Randall was born and raised on the Kitsap Peninsula by her union worker parents. Her service as a community organizer and a healthcare and education advocate has provided a strong sense of the needs of a local community. Randall supports building transportation infrastructure to alleviate the effects on long commutes and public safety.



## **Steve Tharinger, House District 24**

Tharinger is a former small-business owner who has served the environment well in his roles as Chair of the House Capital Budget Committee, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, and as a member of the Appropriations Committee. He has an excellent voting record on environmental matters.



## **Joy Stanford, House District 26**

Stanford is a first-time candidate, currently working as a substitute teacher. She has 14 years of experience as an advocate for seniors and underserved citizens. She plans to work towards solutions to eliminating transportation problems, including prioritizing area infrastructure improvements and increasing light rail systems.



## **Brian Duthie, House District 25**

Duthie served 10 years in the US Air Force Reserve and currently works as a firefighter/first responder. He has a deep concern for the impacts of regional growth and a lack of proper infrastructure. He believes we should transition to clean alternative energy sources and that it is a mistake to invest in any expansion of the fossil fuel industry.



## **Connie Fitzpatrick, House District 26**

Fitzpatrick is a native of Port Orchard and a U.S. Navy Veteran. She is a small business owner and a PTA mom. She has chosen to run to support funding for many causes including transportation infrastructure, veterans, and public health. She believes strongly in support for environmental protection.



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# WASHINGTON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **Laurie Jinkins, House District 27**

Jinkins has served in the State House of Representatives since 2011. She has been a strong advocate for protecting health care and social services. She is currently Chair of the Judiciary, and a member of the House Appropriations Committee and Health Care and Wellness Committee.



## **Steve Conway, Senate District 29**

Conway is a champion of public service. He sponsored recent bills to provide fire fighters, law enforcement officers and EMTs the ability to file a claim for PTSD under the workers compensation law, and to assist service members to successfully transition into civilian life. His lifetime Washington Conservation Voters environmental score is 86%.



## **Jake Fey, House District 27**

Fey has pushed for strategies to increase mass transit. He is a member of the House Environmental Committee and the Technology and Economic Development Committee. He has been a primary and secondary sponsor of several environmental bills, including renewable energy promotion, alternative fuel vehicle tax exemptions and Port trucking air emission standards.



## **Steve Kirby, House District 29**

Kirby has over 17 years in the Washington State legislature. He currently serves on the House Judiciary Committee, the Commerce and Gaming Committee and is Chairman of the Business and Finance Services Committee. He is known for his expertise in consumer protection legislation. His lifetime environmental voting record is 87%.



## **Mari Kreuger Leavitt, House District 28**

Leavitt has been the Deputy Director of Pierce County Human Services, where she has led efforts to support sustainability solutions and to educate and inform citizens of pressing environmental issues. She supports programs that reduce greenhouse gases and promotes water conservation.



## **Claire Wilson, Senate District 30**

Wilson believes Washington can and should be a model for a robust clean energy economy that provides workers with sustainable job options and protects our unique environment. She will support efforts to develop jobs in green manufacturing, clean energy, and other high-tech sectors. Wilson will support funding for transit solutions.



## **Christine Kilduff, House District 28**

Kilduff's career as an attorney includes 18 years as a state attorney general. She has served as Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and is a member of the Education and Early Learning and Human Services Committees. Kilduff has a 96% lifetime environmental score from Washington Conservation Voters.



## **Mike Pellicciotti, House District 30**

Pellicciotti is supportive of the Sierra Club's mission and goals for our state. He has opposed the fish processing plant at the former Federal Way Weyerhaeuser site and opposed the Tacoma methanol plant. He has remained strong on our issues in the House.





# WASHINGTON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **Victoria Mena, House District 31**

Victoria Mena supports carbon pricing and seeks to transition Washington away from fossil fuels. Accordingly, she supports I-1631 and the development of renewable resources. She opposes the EPA's attempts to rollback emission standards. Mena recognizes that we must respond to the environmental impacts on all communities.



## **Karen Keiser, Senate District 33**

Keiser is adamant about supporting Washington families. Her legislative accomplishments include the passing of the "Baby Bottle bill" which drew attention to the growing danger of potential chemical exposures for infants and young children and bans the use of BPA of bisphenol A in certain products including baby bottles, sippy cups, and water bottles.



## **Maralyn Chase, Senate District 32**

Chase is a lifelong advocate for a verdant and vibrant environment, protected by prudent public policy and diligent citizens. She was a leader in the legislative action to phase out Atlantic salmon farming in state waters. Chase's legislative actions reflect her belief that policies must move toward sustainable development to protect biodiversity, agriculture, and the economy.



## **Tina Orwall, House District 33**

Orwall is a mental health professional and social worker by training. She serves on the Education, Judiciary, Public Safety (Vice Chair) and Rules Committees. During her time as representative she has proven to be an effective leader, often reaching across the aisle while supporting progressive positions. She has a very good record on environmental issues.



## **Cindy Ryu, House District 32**

Cindy Ryu continues to focus on serving Washington citizens who are underrepresented. In that role, she has worked on bills addressing worker health, pesticide exposure, and affordable housing. She has sponsored bills to keep state greenhouse gas limits current and to assure that Washington state continues to follow the Paris Climate Accord.



## **Mia Gregerson, House District 33**

Gregerson has been a strong advocate for her community since first elected in 2013 and serves on the Local Government and Transportation committees. She was on the SeaTac City Council from 2008 to 2015. While on the council, she served on the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board and Board of Directors for Sound Cities Association.



## **Lauren Davis, House District 32**

Lauren Davis is a long time activist whose work includes a suicide prevention nonprofit that works with high schools and colleges. Most recently she worked with legislators to help create "Ricky's Law" which created an involuntary crisis commitment system for youth and adults with life-threatening addiction. Environmental protection is another of her priorities.



## **Eileen Cody, House District 34**

Cody, a longtime Group Health nurse and founding member of a healthcare union, has been a strong supporter of Sierra Club priority legislation in Olympia. She currently serves as chair of the House Health Care and Wellness Committee. Cody has consistently supported environmental bills and has shown pragmatic leadership.



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# WASHINGTON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **Joe Fitzgibbon, House District 34**

Fitzgibbon has established himself as one of the strongest voices for environmental protection in Washington. He currently serves as Chair of the House Environment Committee where he has provided leadership on issues including greenhouse gas emissions, toxic chemical use reduction, and the structure of our environmental review procedures.



## **Rebecca Saldana, Senate District 37**

A champion of environmental justice, Rebecca Saldana formerly served as a board member with the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy and the Washington Environmental Council and sponsored a bill to improve the safety of pesticide application. She is tackling the issue of climate change and its disproportionate effect on low-income communities.



## **Irene Bowling, Senate District 35**

Bowling's top priorities are education, jobs, government accountability and environmental preservation. She supports transitioning away from the fossil fuel economy and investing in new, clean energy jobs.



## **Eric Pettigrew, House District 37**

Pettigrew is a solid progressive vote in the state legislature, and the Majority Caucus Chair for the House of Representatives since 2011. He has also been endorsed by the Washington Conservation Voters, with a lifetime voting score of 95%.



## **Reuven Carlyle, Senate District 36**

Carlyle has been a strong proponent of clean energy technologies and toxics cleanup. Carlyle promotes public policy that will improve education, transportation, environment health, and public safety. He has also advocated for sealing tax loopholes that benefit polluting industries.



## **John McCoy, Senate District 38**

In Olympia, McCoy has promoted clean energy, forging partnerships between government and business, and supporting local jobs in clean energy. McCoy is committed to a healthy Puget Sound, salmon recovery, environmental responsibility, as well as quality of life protections for all citizens.



## **Noel Frame, House District 36**

Frame understands the environmental concerns of her district. She is a strong advocate for mass transit and applying a social, racial, and economic justice lens to infrastructure investments.



## **June Robinson, House District 38**

Representative Robinson brings a strong background in public health to her work in the legislature. She authored the House bill protecting families for paid leave and sponsored bills for prescription drug price transparency and access to health care. She supports investment in public transportation and other community improvement projects.



# WASHINGTON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **Mike Sells, House District 38**

Representative Sells has effectively served in the State Legislature since 2005. He has consistently voted in favor of environmental legislation. As Chair of the Labor and Workforce Standards Committee, Mike is a strong advocate for public safety and policies that support the growth of jobs and wages.



## **My-Linh Thai, House District 41**

Thai is the current President of the Bellevue School Board. As an immigrant she has a strong environmental justice perspective and understands that low income residents are most impacted by pollution and often lack environmental amenities such as good transit.



## **Ivan Lewis, House District 39**

Lewis is committed to serving his community, where he runs a small hobby farm in Sultan with his wife and family. He is an avid environmentalist, committed to promoting legislation that incentivizes clean energy while reducing the use of fossil fuels. Improved transportation infrastructure is a high priority for him.



## **Pinky Vargas, Senate District 42**

In her time on the Bellingham City Council, Vargas has stood out as an advocate for renewable energy policy, energy efficiency, and a strong response to climate change. She plans to continue this vital work at the state legislature.



## **Debra Lekanoff, House District 40**

Lekanoff's campaign has gathered impressive momentum and long list of endorsements from regional and national organizations, attracted by her emphasis on inclusivity and giving greater voice to historically under-represented communities. A Native American by heritage, Debra is committed to taking the seventh-generation approach to protecting our environment and the living world we all depend upon.



## **Justin Boneau, House District 42**

Boneau is a Navy veteran and his campaign focus is on economic opportunity particularly for workers who have been left out of the recovery. Boneau understands the need for clean air, water and a healthy environment, and if elected he will be a reliable vote for the environment.



## **Tana Senn, House District 41**

Senn has an outstanding record supporting environmental issues. She promotes initiatives to address climate change, ensure clean air and water quality, and move the state towards zero waste. She supported legislation to help protect our communities and waterways from the dramatically increasing amount of crude oil traveling across Washington.



## **Sharon Shewmake, House District 42**

Shewmake is a first-time candidate, but not a newcomer to public policy. She is a researcher and university professor who specializes in environmental economics. She has spent her career designing financial tools and finding insights to guide policies that reduce our carbon footprint. If elected, Sharon will be one of our strongest environmental champions.



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# WASHINGTON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **Jamie Pedersen, Senate District 43**

Pedersen has helped pass the plan and revenue to replace the SR 520 floating bridge in a way that optimizes transit use. He helped pass authorization for Sound Transit 3 that will build out the light rail system and connect the neighborhoods of our district to cities throughout the region and has advocated for bicycle safety issues.



## **Manka Dhingra, Senate District 45**

Since being elected in 2017 to fill a suddenly vacant seat, Manka Dhingra has been moving our community forward in addressing issues like mental health, domestic violence, net neutrality, and climate change.



## **Nicole Macri, House District 43**

Macri's broad progressive work and her leadership on affordable housing and homelessness has made her a strong leader on environmental issues in Olympia. Macri has been working to create a sustainable and equitable transportation system that reduces carbon emissions by expanding infrastructure for transit, bikes and sidewalks.



## **Roger Goodman, House District 45**

An environmental lawyer, Goodman has actively supported Sierra Club goals. He has worked to ensure that the Cascade Water Alliance has the proper authorities of a public utility to provide safe water for his district. As a member of the House Environment Committee, he has been a consistent supporter of environmental legislation.



## **Frank Chopp, House District 43**

Chopp is a key leader in our state's Democratic caucus and has been a steadfast ally for the environmental community. With his strong leadership, Washington passed the toughest laws in the nation banning toxic chemicals. He supports progressive change in education and civic policies.



## **David Frockt, Senate District 46**

Senator Frockt is a champion for his district. He supports investments in schools, parks, affordable housing, and property tax relief. As capital budget writer in 2018, he helped ensure significant funding for parks and community improvements. He also helped secure funding for the Northgate Pedestrian bridge and other local priorities in the 2015 Transportation package.



## **John Lovick, House District 44**

Lovick is committed to continue focusing on his top priorities, including good schools and safe roads. Lovick understands the need to invest in renewable energy to spur the creation of new, green jobs in the district and statewide.



## **Gerry Pollet, House District 46**

Pollet is a strong supporter of carbon-free energy production and opposition to nuclear power. He believes in a clean-energy future powered by renewable energy sources like wind and solar. Pollet has been working for over 30 years to clean up the Hanford Site in Eastern Washington.



# WASHINGTON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **Mona Das, Senate District 47**

Das is a strong proponent of housing and transportation. She believes in increasing investments in affordable housing and clean transportation impacts.

Das believes long term investment in green energy and renewable is essential for future development.



## **Amy Walen, House District 48**

Walen is the current mayor of Kirkland who has long supported Sierra Club goals. She supported the first city ban on the Eastside on single use of plastic bags. She supports I-1631 and will advocate at the state legislature for more stringent vehicle emission standards similar to those in California.



## **Pat Sullivan, House District 47**

Sullivan has been a consistent vote for the environment. Of particular concern to him are clean air, clean water, and the protection and recovery of Puget Sound.



## **Sharon Wylie, House District 49**

Sharon Wylie is a strong leader who understands the complexities around our transportation and environmental issues. Wylie believes “nature is the infrastructure of our community” and has been successful in bringing jobs and educational opportunities to SW Washington. She is opposed to the proposed Vancouver Oil Terminal.



## **Patty Kuderer, Senate District 48**

In 2018, Kuderer co-sponsored the Oil Spill Prevention Act, which increased funding for oil spill prevention and response. One of her key priorities for the next session is supporting the transition to a clean energy economy. She supported ST3 and a greener fleet for mass transit.



## **Monica Jurado Stonier, House District 49**

Stonier believes every state needs to do its part to create a new green economy, move away from fossil fuels, and set an example by purchasing clean energy. She also supports making the I-5 bridge light-rail ready to relieve congestion and reduce fossil fuel emissions.



## **Vandana Slatter, House District 48**

Slatter recently sponsored a bill to align Washington’s carbon emissions with those agreed upon in the Paris accord. She secured investment in researching electric and hybrid-electric aircraft. Slatter has also worked on policy promoting a sustainable, local renewable energy industry through modifying renewable energy system tax incentives.



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## COUNTY RACES

### Clark County Council Chair Eric Holt

Holt supports Washington State's Growth Management Act which identifies and protects critical areas and natural resource lands. He has particular interest in continuing the efforts to maintain proper plant life along the endangered Salmon Creek watershed. Eric will be a strong supporter of environmental interests as Council Chair.



### Snohomish Public Utility District Mary Rollins

Rollins wants a PUD that promotes sustainability, transparency, and responsiveness that focuses on smart implementation and utilization of energy resources. She believes utilities should be managed in the most equitable, sustainable, and environmentally proactive way possible. Rollins believes electricity and its access is not only a commodity, but a human right.



### Clark County Council Temple Lentz

A board member of Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Temple Lentz strongly believes in protecting the diverse habitats within the Gorge and protecting wild areas in Washington and Oregon. She actively opposed the oil transfer terminal in Vancouver and opposes other coal and oil projects throughout SW Washington.



### Snohomish Public Utilities Rebecca Wolfe

Wolfe is pursuing a seat on the Snohomish County PUD Commission based on her background in environmental law and years of advocacy to protect water, forests, wildlife, and human health as a Sierra Club volunteer leader (Snohomish Group Conservation Chair as well as Chapter Committees- National Forest, State Public lands, Water & Salmon, Conservation, and Legislative).



### Pierce County Council Marty R. Campbell

As a former business owner, Campbell served two terms on Tacoma's City Council. Among his many accomplishments while serving on Council, he supported expansion of residential solar incentives. He has pledged to promote local job growth in Pierce County that will provide high quality, safe and affordable neighborhoods without the need for long commutes.



### Island County Commissioner Janet St. Clair

St. Clair's infectious enthusiasm inspired early young supporters to propose a campaign slogan: "Janet for the Planet". Serving as a Commissioner, Janet will direct her efforts to oversee that our Department of Natural Resources and Planning Department use science and reliable data in shaping future policies in Island County.



### Pierce County Council Derek M. Young

With 20 years public service experience, Young has been a champion of environmental legislation. He is proud of improvements to the stormwater management program, keeping Gig Harbor's bay protected, and of the Donkey Creek Restoration Project which improved the creek to increase salmon runs. He will continue to fight for environmental justice.



### Thurston County Commissioner Tye Menser

Menser is an Olympia attorney whose top priorities include promoting sensible, sustainable land-use policy to retain Thurston County's distinctive character as it continues to grow. The environment is a foremost priority in the overall land-use policy, as the County struggles to manage growth while protecting water quality, agricultural lands, and open spaces.



## COUNTY RACES

### Thurston County Auditor Mary Hall

Hall is a Sierra Club member and an avid environmentalist who believes it is important to have identified environmentalists in elected positions. She has 22 years experience working in elections and has been Thurston Co. auditor since 2013. She has implemented environmental and cost saving procedures in her office.



### Vancouver City Council Laurie Lebowsky

After being appointed in early 2018, Laurie Lebowsky seeks a full term on Vancouver City Council. She holds a Bachelors degree in political science from Michigan State University and a Master's in Urban/Regional Planning from Portland State Univ. Laurie has done significant work with non-profits.



### Whatcom County Prosecutor James Erb

The Prosecutor oversees the County's civil legal division, which covers environmental rules, and this is why the Sierra Club is firmly behind James Erb. Whatcom County has recently pursued lawsuits and environmentally-questionable practices.

James' opponent is an insider with no civil legal experience who has refused to acknowledge these failures, while James has been a strong voice for needed reforms on civil legal and criminal justice fronts.



### Whatcom Public Utility District, District 2 Atul Deshmane

Deshmane has dedicated his life and career to developing renewable energy technologies and businesses. A clean energy entrepreneur, Atul impressed the Sierra Club with his deep knowledge of water conservation and renewable energy practices, particularly as it relates to the often-overlooked Public Utilities District. With Atul's far-sighted leadership, the PUD can become an agent for positive environmental action.



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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION STATEMENT



**William McPherson**

During my two years on the Executive Committee, I have worked on the Legislative Committee, the Nominations/Elections Committee and a hiring committee. I have enjoyed working with my colleagues

and have learned many things about the Washington Chapter. I have also coordinated my work with outside groups in the faith community, including the Unitarian-Universalist state action network, the Faith Action Network and the Faith Action Climate Team. I participated in signature gathering for Initiative 1631, the carbon fee initiative, and campaigned for its passage in the fall election. I have also campaigned for passage of climate bills in the legislature. Much of this work was informed by my previous work as an environmental diplomat in the U.S. State Department and reporting assignments on the UN climate change convention meetings.

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**Julia Reitan**

I'm more committed than ever to serve on the Washington State Chapter executive committee after having served as chair ever since Donald Trump has been president. While the national politics has been terrible, Sierra Club has been in the middle of key work for the environment in Washington State: successfully stopping the huge Vancouver oil terminal; continuing to fight (so far successfully) against new fracked-gas refineries in Tacoma and Kalama; gaining action to help salmon and orcas; advocating for forests, wildlands and wildlife; leading outdoor activities, reaching out to new allies, and more. The chapter is stronger than ever with smart, capable staff and an ambitious state-wide agenda. I'm eager and willing to continue this work as part of the Washington Sierra Club executive committee.

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**Sara Patton**

I am excited to serve on the Chapter Executive Committee because the Sierra Club brings the most effective grass roots advocacy to the most important issues facing Washingtonians. I bring expertise in clean and affordable energy and salmon restoration issues from my years at the NW Energy Coalition and on the Board of Save Our Wild Salmon. That work also gave me strong working relations with all four state chapters in the region. My professional and volunteer career has honed my skills at advocacy, but also (and perhaps more important) at coalition building and conflict resolution. I have been a member of the Club since 1986. I served on the Chapter Executive Committee in 2007-2008 and on the Chapter Operations & Management Committee for many years. Recently I served on the nominating committee for the Board of Directors, and that national level perspective has made me a more effective Chapter volunteer.



**Heidi Wills**

The work of the Sierra Club is more vital than ever. We are fighting for our climate, biodiversity, public lands, and air & water quality. Our families, future generations and other species are counting on our effectiveness. Environmental protection is my passion. I've served on the boards of Climate Solutions, Conservation Northwest and Transportation Choices Coalition. As a former member of the Seattle City Council, I championed wind power, removal of the dams on the lower Snake River, efficiencies in the city's energy code, LEED green building standards, and other efforts to make Seattle a model for sustainability. I understand how government works and the important role that we play in ensuring that our elected leaders are responsive and accountable. It'd be an honor for me to serve on the Washington Sierra Club Executive Committee.



# NSLU Route

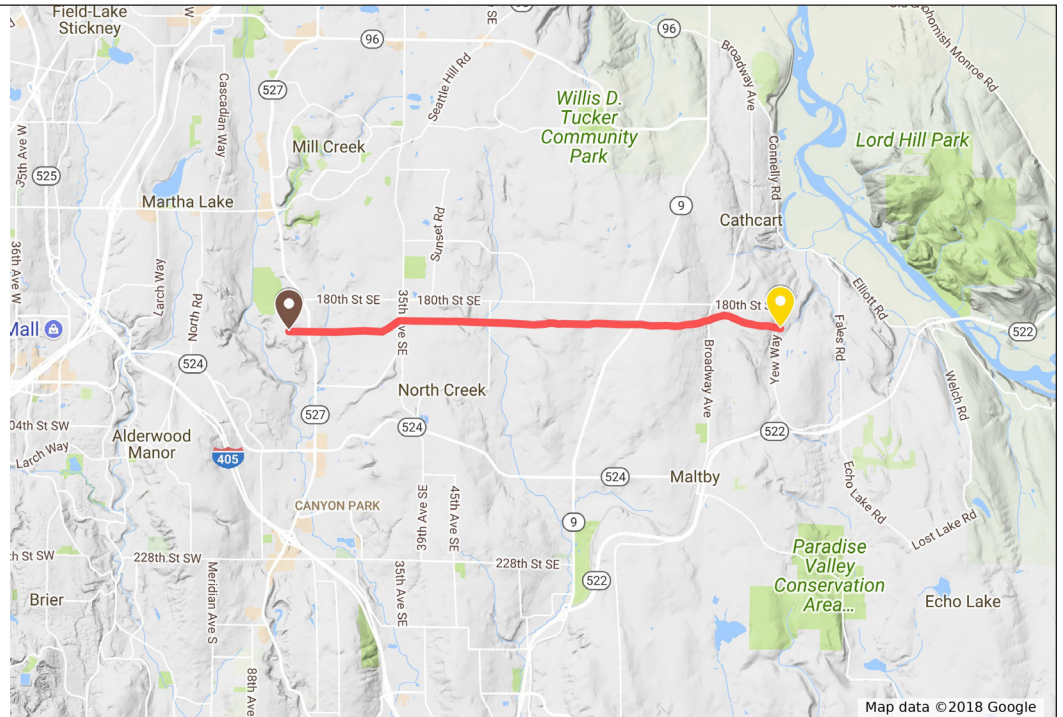
## Pipeline Route

 East Terminus

 West Terminus

 NSLU Route

Extracted from the FERC Environmental Assessment



# CAN WE STOP THIS PIPELINE IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY?

Even as we are fighting to end fracking and our dependence on fossil fuels, Puget Sound Energy wants to double the amount of fracked gas going to north Seattle homes with a pipeline project called the North Seattle Lateral Upgrade. This project expands the existing pipeline, thereby putting 15 streams at risk as well as the threatened salmon that spawn in them. Additionally, most of the route runs through an EPA-designated aquifer, putting critical water resources at risk. Sound like a good idea? Not by a long shot!

When the Sightline Institute broke this story, they found that this project causes a 3% increase in state carbon emissions by itself, and provides an unnecessary 63% increase in fracked gas capacity although current capacity isn't maxed out. The proposed pipeline also disrupts 15 streams, including Little Bear Creek, Evans Creek, Tambark Creek, Great Dane Creek and their tributaries. This of course harms already threatened Chinook salmon, which are essential to the survival of our local orca population. The results would be piecemeal growth in fracked gas infrastructure that would slow our transition to a fossil free future.

The Snohomish County Planning Department is deciding whether the project requires an Environmental Impact Statement. Citizens need to let the Planning Department know they are concerned about the long-term negative impacts on our climate, including the “upstream” increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

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Pull Together teamants celebrating after Canada's Federal Courts Appeals issued a ruling against the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

Photo: Victoria Leistman

## IN HUGE WIN FOR FIRST NATIONS, COURT REJECTS TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE PERMITS

By Gabby Brown, [gabby.brown@sierraclub.org](mailto:gabby.brown@sierraclub.org)

We need to celebrate the good news when we can. A major piece of good news came the end of August with the Canadian Federal Court of Appeals ruling about the Trans Mountain Pipeline. The court ruled in favor of First Nations in their challenge to the government's approval of the necessary permits for the Trans Mountain tar sands pipeline. The controversial pipeline has faced widespread public opposition across Canada and the Pacific Northwest. The courts ruling nullified the permits for construction and operation of the pipeline, halting construction on the project indefinitely

If built, the project would nearly triple the amount of tar sands flowing to the Pacific coast and increase tanker traffic through the Salish Sea by 700 percent. Communities across British Columbia and Washington State worked tirelessly over the last year on the Pull Together effort to support First Nations' legal cases, raising over \$650K in support of these legal victories.

In response to the ruling, Sierra Club Beyond Dirty Fuels Campaign Director Kelly Martin released the following statement:

*"Today's decision is a major victory for First Nations and communities on both sides of the border that would be threatened by this tar sands pipeline, the increased tanker traffic it would bring to the Pacific coast, and the climate impact of burning more dirty tar sands. It's also a testament to the growing power of the movement to fight back against dirty, dangerous tar sands pipelines. Communities across North America will not back down until Trans Mountain- as well as Keystone XL and Enbridge's Line 3 - are canceled once and for all. We'll continue to stand in solidarity with Indigenous communities to ensure that this pipeline is never built."*

# EDUCATIONAL OUTINGS



Iron Goat Trail

Photo: Ericka Berg



Connect With The Outdoors With The Sierra Club

## Living the motto: Looking ahead to '19

by Lehman Holder, Outings Leader

No doubt you've seen these three words many times: "Explore, Enjoy, Protect."

Although the 2018 outings year is wrapping up, Sierra Club's iconic motto defines the Club's interconnected relationship between outings and its mission of conservation/protection.

2018 outings began in January snows and finished in falling leaves. In the process, many Sierrans, both new and longtime members (as well as numerous non-members), have been connected to our great Pacific Northwest outdoors through Sierra Club outings.

In the Loo Wit Group (Southwest Washington), the focus on Nordic (cross country) skiing, snowshoeing, cycling, sea kayaking and hiking continued, including a backpack outing in the Goat Rocks Wilderness led by past outings chair Mike Newsham. There was good snow in Jan-Feb-Mar for skiing. April rains delayed the start of bike outings, but wheels were rolling from May to October. Hikes were offered nearly every weekend. Sea kayak outings had good responses, especially beginner/novice (instructional) outings for newbies.

There will be more opportunities to join a Club outing in 2019. Loo Wit ski outings will start in January (assuming decent snowfall).

For information, go to: [www.meetup.com/portland-vancouver-sierra-club-outings-events](http://www.meetup.com/portland-vancouver-sierra-club-outings-events) . Puget Sound-area outings also have a Meetup page: [www.meetup.com/sierra-club-outings-western-washington](http://www.meetup.com/sierra-club-outings-western-washington) . For information on outings across the state, see the state chapter outings program webpage: [www.sierraclub.org/washington/outings](http://www.sierraclub.org/washington/outings)

You'll find that outings are not only a whole lot of fun, but very educational – and you'll meet fascinating people.

To Join our future outings, please look at our webpage:  
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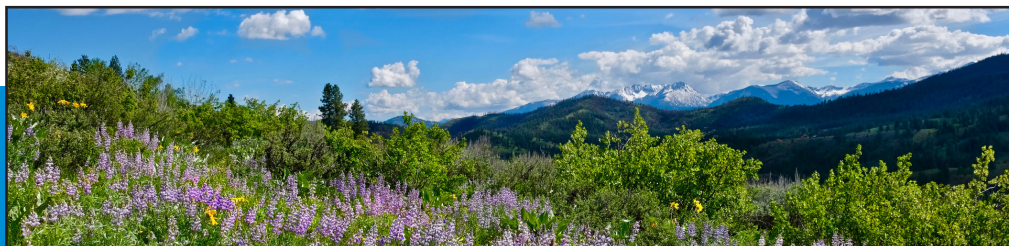
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We welcome your participation.  
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