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Getting to Know You

This next section will give you the opportunity to provide details about who you are as a person, candidate, and member of the community.

Tell us about yourself.

I am providing my campaign bio, which answers these questions:

Jaime Herrera Beutler has worked hard throughout her career for policies that ensure future generations can enjoy Washington's beautiful land, waters, and traditions.

Serving as Southwest Washington's representative in Congress from 2011-2023, Jaime was repeatedly recognized for her effectiveness in promoting responsible forest management and preserving the beauty of our state. She helped advance bipartisan legislation to curb the threat of wildfires and helped pass new funding for wildfire suppression and firefighting. Jaime's bills to protect endangered salmon runs and upgrade and improve forest roads were signed into law. Tens of thousands of jobs supported by working forests in rural Washington would have been impacted if not for her successful legislation to protect access to these lands from onerous regulations – a bipartisan legislative feat that earned her the National Association of State

Foresters' highest honor, the Bernard L. Orell Award for Partnership. She secured support to protect wildlife habitat, and worked with members of both parties on legislation to fight the ocean acidification that is degrading coastal shellfish habitat. Jaime served on the Joint Economic Committee and has had legislation signed into law by three Presidents.

Raised in rural Clark County, Jaime grew up swimming in in the Lewis River, fishing at Battle Ground Lake, and participating in 4-H. She attended Prairie High School in Vancouver, where she played for the basketball team, and went on to graduate from the University of Washington in Seattle.

She represented parts of Clark and Cowlitz County in the Washington State House of Representatives from 2007-2010, where she served in her party's leadership and led efforts to expand affordable health care for Washingtonians and provide tax relief to business owners serving in the military.

After leaving Congress, Jaime joined the board of the National Kidney Foundation and completed a Fellowship-in-Residency at the Harvard Kennedy School's Institute of Politics. She currently serves as a strategic advisor to the Children's Hospital Association. Jaime lives on 5 acres in Clark County with her husband, Dan, and their three children, Abigail, Ethan and Isana.

List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

Covered in previous question.

Describe your duty to the office you are running for and how you will achieve success.

Thanks to misguided ideology, decades of undermanagement and neglect have turned our forests into crowded, diseased tinderboxes, and we're paying the price. Fires now run rampant every summer. Besides ruining our summer days with smoke, the air quality degradation is causing poor health outcomes for Washington citizens. The regular fires make home insurance unavailable and housing even more unaffordable. And for those unfortunate enough to live in the path of one of those fires, they can cause unimaginable heartache.

The Washington State Public Lands Commissioner is the head of the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which manages more than 3 million acres of trust lands – mostly forest, but also agricultural and commercial land. The agency also manages another 2.6 million acres of beaches and tidelands.

The foresters who work at DNR are by and large good people and good scientists who know how to manage the land for fire resilience without losing critical habitat, but they need a leader who understands both politics and policy to give them the support they need to do their jobs effectively. I will be that leader.

What does success look like for this position and what key performance indicators should voters use to evaluate you?

I will measure success in the role by three metrics:

1. Is the state finally meeting the sustainable harvest goals and thinning the dead and diseased overgrowth that is causing the catastrophic wildfires that plague us every year? Are we making a meaningful dent in lowering our fire risk, while providing much-needed timber revenue for our schools and preserving wildlife habitat?
2. Are we working with the farmers and ranchers who lease DNR agricultural land, and with the fishermen and shellfish growers who utilize our state waters to make sure they can be successful?
3. Are we preserving recreational access to public land for its owners – the people of Washington?

I will commit my full efforts to these metrics, and I have the background, experience and drive to succeed in all three.

What community activities are you engaged in? Have you held leadership roles in any of these organizations?

Please see my bio in the previous question.

Your Political Beliefs

This section contains a series of questions about your alignment concerning broad governmental philosophies as well as some specific issues.

Where do our rights as citizens of the United States come from? Under what conditions can government infringe or suspend them?

Our rights are given to us by God and secured by a government that acts as the servant, and not the master, of its people. The Declaration of Independence enshrines the rights to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness as unalienable rights, which means they cannot be taken away. The United States government may only operate within the confines of the U.S. Constitution.

Do you consider yourself a constitutional originalist or do you prescribe to it as a living document? Please explain.

The Constitution should be interpreted and enforced according to its original meaning. Judges should not issue rulings based on what they believe the Constitution ought to say, but only on the actual words of the Constitution and the intent of the law at the time of passage. There is a formal process for amending the Constitution, and it involves the American people and their elected legislators. Not judges.

What is the purpose of government? If elected, how will you perform your duties based on that "purpose?"

I can't improve on the preamble to the United States Constitution:

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

For how I will perform my duties, please see my answers above.

When does life begin and at what point does the government have a duty to protect it?

Life begins at conception and I have a long personal and public history of defending human life at all stages.

Do you have any criminal convictions, ever filed for bankruptcy, have any active or unresolved tax liens, any conflicts of interest that may jeopardize your candidacy?

No.

Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative, adhering to the values and answers you've provided in this questionnaire.

I will make myself available at public meetings, events, and for any Washingtonian who wants to arrange a meeting at my office. I will always be responsive to the people I serve.

Please provide any feedback, comments, or questions that you have for the SCRCC.

I look forward to working with you to turn our state's land use policy around. This is an executive position, not a legislative one, and previous Democrat executives have been held hostage by leftist ideologies that are costing us our health, our money, and sometimes even our lives. I will be beholden to no one but the people of Washington.

I am a proud Republican, and the only Republican candidate in the race running a campaign that can wrest this position from Democratic control. I am travelling the state, meeting with concerned citizens from all walks of life and raising the money we need to win. I've beaten well-funded Democrats many times before, and I'll do it again. I plan to see you often in the months and years ahead and will always welcome feedback and partnership with the SCRCC.

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