

Press Release

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Sue Forde announces candidacy for State Representative Pos. 1

On March 5, 2020, long-time Clallam County resident Sue Forde enthusiastically announced her candidacy for State Legislature, 24th District. Sue has lived and worked in Clallam County for 30 years. As a mother, grandmother and small business owner, she has been active in politics and other volunteer activities.

“I, like so many other Washington residents, experience the frustrations of ever-increasing taxes and regulations stunting business growth, especially for mom-and-pop businesses and independent contractors, the backbone of our economy,” Sue said. “Yearly, I observe more homelessness, more crime, partly because of the increasing drug addiction problem, and partly due to reduced employment opportunities. Government’s extensive restrictions on our region’s timber industry produced revenue losses to our schools and fire districts, significantly reduced employment, and smothered the local vibrance this industry produced. It’s time for a change.”

Forde said she believes Olympia legislators and bureaucrats ignore the will of the people, especially for the rural areas. The Democrats, as majority party in Olympia, continue to pass higher gas taxes, push a “pay-per-mile scheme,” and other tax-regulate-and-spend bills, appearing oblivious to the harm they bring to small, local economies and residents, she said. “Tax-and-spend Democrats trampled on the \$30 car tabs initiative voters overwhelmingly passed in 2019.”

“With little citizen input, in the dead of night while hard-working taxpayers slept, Olympia legislators led by the Democrat majority, passed millions of dollars more in taxes - while a budget surplus exists. By their actions, they show no respect for the people,” Forde said. “In addition, they just passed a mandated state K-12 sex ed bill which is terrible,” she said.

Sue regularly demonstrates her ability to listen to the people, and act upon what she hears from them. As a two-term elected Home Rule Charter Commissioner, she proposed several positive changes to the Charter (often called the “county constitution”) which voters overwhelmingly passed at election time. As a former escrow officer, realtor, journalist and current website designer, she listens to, understands, and acts upon concerns individuals express.

If elected, Sue promises to work hard for her constituents for safer, more affordable lives, and a representative government open and accountable to the people, with priorities of no state income tax, streamlining government agencies, choice in education, and protection of faith, family and individual rights.