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**3.14 Action Fund Endorses Dave Upthegrove for Washington State Land Commissioner.**

*If elected, Dave Upthegrove will be the first out LGBTQ+ statewide executive office holder*

**PHILADELPHIA** — Today, 3.14 Action Fund, the nation's largest resource for scientists running for public office, announced its endorsement of King County Council Chair Dave Upthegrove for Washington State Public Lands Commissioner.

Dave Upthegrove is a former state representative who chaired the Washington State House Select Committee on Puget Sound that created the Puget Sound Partnership to restore the Sound. Dave was a leader of the pro labor and environmental coalition, the Blue Green Alliance, that

successfully promoted sustainable economic opportunities in Washington. As head of the Department of Natural Resources, the lands commissioner is responsible for the caretaking of Washington's 5.6 million acres of state land and the revenue it generates.

“There will be no greater champion in Washington who will protect the environment than Dave Upthegrove,” **said Joshua Morrow, Executive Director of 3.14 Action Fund.** “3.14 Action Fund is proud to endorse Dave. He has a proven track record of major environmental and conservation accomplishments and lifelong commitment to protecting Washington's environment. I can't think of a better candidate to be the first line of defense in protecting Washington's public lands.”

"I am honored to have won the early endorsement of 3.14 Action Fund, a leading national progressive organization that has done so much to elect leaders committed to science and evidence-based approaches to address climate change and other pressing issues.” **Said King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove.** “Now more than ever we need a steward of Washington State's public lands who is willing to act with urgency and creativity to advance our shared environmental and conservation goals, and I am committed to being that leader.”

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*professionals who will use science and facts to address our most pressing issues like climate change and health care. Since its founding 314 Action Fund has helped elect several hundred candidates at all levels of Government. In 2018 and 2020 we played a pivotal role in flipping the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, electing eleven Democratic scientists to federal office and raising and spending more than 20 Million dollars directly for candidates running for federal or statewide offices.*