

Agents of Change

Lawmaker Tana Senn

Member of the Washington State House of Representatives from the 41st District, 2013 - Present

"When people say, why are you in public service, I think about things that we read during Yom Kippur. They talk about the sins that we have committed against you by being xenophobic, by not taking care of the poor, by not looking out for the widow and the orphan—those things really resonate with me, that we are always encouraged to look out for those who are less fortunate than us."



As a working mom with two kids, Tana Senn brings an important perspective to legislative issues. Her grandparents were Holocaust survivors who emigrated to Kenya before coming to the United States. Tana was raised in the Los Angeles suburb of Pacific Palisades and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from Columbia University in 1996. After graduate school, she was hired by Hadassah, rising to the position of National Domestic Policy Director. Moving from New York to Washington State in 2000, Tana worked in communications and government relations for nonprofits and foundations, including the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. Tana served on the Mercer Island City Council before being elected to the State House of Representatives in 2013, where she has led legislative efforts to close the gender pay gap and to establish common sense gun laws.



Photos: Tana speaking in the WA State Capital Building; supporting Mom's Demand Action; with family at a Mercer Island rally.

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