

Biographical Information and Candidate's Perspective

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Education:

1990 B.A. Political Science University of Wyoming; 1994 M.A. Public Administration University of Colorado; 1998 J.D. Law University of Wyoming

Work experience:

Farming and Ranching, College Jobs, Officer U.S.A.F., Attorney with Sawyer, Warren & Buchanan, Citizen Legislator in Wyoming State Legislature-House District 4-Goshen County

Top three public service positions:

Republican Party, Wyoming Legislature, Goshen Economic Development

Length of time in Wyoming: *49 years (minus time stationed with Air Force in Texas and Colorado)*

Why do you think you are qualified to run for this office?

My business background requires frequent interaction with the Secretary of State's office, primarily relating to business incorporation. I served in the Wyoming State Legislature and worked on legislation to strengthen our corporate laws to keep sham companies out of Wyoming. In doing so I developed a keen understanding of the office and how it relates to the effective function of government. I was elected by my peers as Majority Floor Leader (2008-2012) and Speaker of the House (2010-2012). I developed leadership skills during my military service and led the House of Representatives with civility and respect for members of both parties with the goal of solving constituent problems, making government more accountable, balancing the budget, increasing savings, keeping taxes

low and generally making Wyoming a better place to live. I have proven leadership skills and experience that are effective in moving our state toward our common goal of keeping Wyoming the “last best place on earth.”

What are your priorities, if selected?

I have a five-point plan for the office. 1. Use technology to streamline essential interactions to make things easier and more efficient for business and the public; this improves customer service. 2. Make agency rules and regulations more transparent and get citizens involved in the process; this creates a better product and less unnecessary regulation. 3. Be proactive in the fight against corporate, consumer and election fraud. 4. Conduct an internal self-audit to identify cost-savings measures to increase efficiency. 5. Be an ambassador for the people of Wyoming. This means traveling and listening to ALL parts of Wyoming so that everyone has representation on the boards and commissions back in Cheyenne; this returns an emphasis on a government closest to the people.

What motivated you to apply for this position?

I see this as an opportunity to serve the public. I truly love Wyoming and found that my time serving the citizens in the legislature, next to family, was the single most rewarding experience of my life. I want to be a public servant of whom the people can be proud.

What issues related to the office you're seeking do you think are of biggest concern to citizens?

A few things. First, making government more transparent with regard to rules and regulations. Unnecessary regulation hampers our economy. Second, to really have representation for all of Wyoming. Government is too centralized and needs to be closer the people. Third, ensure that our elections maintain their integrity. If we ever lose that, not much else matters.

What other information would you like people to know about you?

I'm a hard worker, problem-solver and a good listener. I feel privileged to have served our country and our state. I'm fiscally and socially conservative. If elected, I will work hard to ensure I am a public servant of whom the people can be proud.