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Chad Magendanz Announces Reelection Campaign

Two-term state representative endorsed by Rep. Jay Rodne, who will not be seeking another term.

ISSAQUAH – Chad Magendanz has announced that he will be running for the open 5th Legislative District state representative position that will be vacated by Rep. Jay Rodne (R-Snoqualmie) next term. Rodne made the public announcement of his retirement today and endorsed Magendanz to fill his seat.

Magendanz served two terms in the Washington House of Representatives from 2013 to 2017 representing the 5th Legislative District, which comprises the eastern third of King County. He was the ranking Republican on the House Education Committee and a lead negotiator for the McCleary remedy, which resulted in a 105% increase in state K-12 funding over 8 years while reducing net school levy rates in 44% of districts. He was also prime sponsor of the Washington Cybercrime Act in 2016, which gave local law enforcement the tools needed to prosecute and extradite online criminals.

In an effort to preserve the bipartisan state legislature, Magendanz gave up his House seat in 2016 to challenge the incumbent state senator. While outperforming his party's presidential nominee by 15 points, he fell just short of success with 49.7% of the vote.

A former president of the Issaquah School Board and outspoken proponent of both education reform and fiscal responsibility, Magendanz holds a degree from Cornell University in Electrical and Computer Engineering, served 12 years in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear submarine officer, and worked as a software developer for Microsoft, Nike and many other Pacific Northwest technology companies. He is currently director of product development for Voter Science, a political consulting firm specializing in data science, machine learning, and canvassing technologies.

Magendanz was endorsed by The Seattle Times for both his 2012 and 2014 campaigns for state representative, and has never received anything less than an OUTSTANDING rating from the Municipal League of King County.

In outlining his main campaign initiatives, Magendanz proposes common sense reforms to improve the quality of public education, attract jobs, protect the environment, and reduce the cost of government.

“In this time of economic challenges, we must make every dollar count. I look forward to returning to Olympia to continue the work that I started in 2012, promoting sensible policies that make thoughtful investments in the future of our state,” Magendanz added.

Magendanz and his wife have lived on Tiger Mountain for 23 years. They have two boys that are both computer science majors, a junior at MIT and freshman at University of Utah.

Magendanz’s campaign has received widespread support from community leaders, elected legislators, education advocates and parents.

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