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# Cappell announces 2nd run for Chelan County Commissioner seat

Gering won't seek reelection

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WENATCHEE — A state legislative staffer is making his second run for an open seat on the Chelan County Commission. Incumbent Tiffany Gering isn't running for reelection.

Brandt Cappell is a North Wenatchee resident and is a senior legislative assistant to Rep. Keith Goehner (R-Dryden). His first run for Chelan County District 3 — encompassing the Sunnyslope area, Chelan and Manson areas — was in 2020.

Gering, a Chelan resident, told The Wenatchee World Monday morning she would not be running for reelection. She did not specify further.

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Cappell lost a spot in the general election to Tiffany Gering during the August primary election with Gering ultimately winning the election in November.

"It was challenging to run during COVID, but I am grateful to all who supported me," Cappell said in a news release.



Brandt Cappell

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Cappell is running as a Republican.

"I know there are still issues around housing, property rights, and taxes," Cappell said in the news release. "One thing that has changed is the prevalence of drugs, crime, and homelessness in Chelan County. It's no longer just a big city problem. We have all been affected by these tragic issues in some way. We can't have people dying on our streets while criminal activity runs rampant."

Cappell said his experience in Olympia has equipped him to serve the county and taught him what it takes to be an "effective servant."

"Actions in Olympia directly affect our ability to govern in Chelan County," he said. "I've spent 13 years navigating the bureaucratic mess of state government. I will work to ensure Chelan County government isn't part of the problem."

Cappell grew up here in the Wenatchee Valley, living in Wenatchee and Chelan, according to the news release. He graduated from Wenatchee High School, attended Wenatchee Valley College and then Washington State University where he received a Natural Resources Policy degree.



Tiffany Gering  
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He is also an elected member of the Columbia Grove Covenant Church leadership team and serves on the Wenatchee Okanogan National Forest Recreational Advisory Committee. He was also recognized in the Wenatchee Valley Business World's "30 Under 35" Class of 2020.

He and his wife, Brittney, have two daughters and are expecting a third, according to the news release.

Cappell is so far the only candidate to file for the open seat. The filing deadline for candidates is May 10.

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