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Brandt Cappell Announces Second Run for Chelan County Commissioner

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Brandt Cappell

WENATCHEE - Brandt Cappell, a longtime resident of Wenatchee, has declared his candidacy for Chelan County Commissioner in Position 3. Running as a Republican, Cappell is currently serving as a Senior Legislative Assistant to State Representative Keith Goehner. This marks his second attempt to secure a seat as county commissioner.

With a background of working closely with two state representatives from the region, Cappell believes his experience in state politics has prepared him well for the role. "I know what it takes to be an effective servant to those I represent. Actions in Olympia directly affect our ability to govern in Chelan County. 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," stated Cappell.

Cappell emphasized his commitment to the community and the broader region of North Central Washington, expressing his dedication to making Chelan County a preferred place for future generations. "This is no part-time endeavor, and I am already in the community listening and learning. I want Chelan County to be where my children choose to live, work, and raise their families. I commit to being open and available to everyone and making informed decisions. The citizens of Chelan County should expect nothing less," he explained.

Reflecting on his previous campaign, which occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, Cappell acknowledged the challenges faced but remained thankful for the support he received. "It was challenging to run during COVID, but I am grateful to all who supported me. I know there are still issues around housing, property rights, and taxes. 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 remarked.

Cappell has deep roots in the Wenatchee Valley, having grown up in both Wenatchee and Chelan. A graduate of Wenatchee High School, he later attended Wenatchee Valley College and earned a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Policy from Washington State University.

In addition to his political work, he is actively involved in the community as an elected member of the Leadership Team at Columbia Grove Covenant Church and serves on the Wenatchee Okanogan National Forest Recreational Advisory Committee. In 2020, he was recognized in the Wenatchee Valley Business World's "30 Under 35" Class.

Brandt lives in the North Wenatchee area with his wife, Brittney, and their two daughters, Savannah and Cassidy. The family is expecting their third daughter soon.

The third district, which Cappell hopes to represent, includes North Wenatchee, Sunnyslope, Entiat, Chelan, and Manson.

Cappell is running against Brad Hawkins.

