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Rep. Andy Billig Running for State Senate

Sen. Brown and Rep. Ormsby Endorse Billig

Spokane, WA - Representative Andy Billig announced today that he is running for the Washington State Senate from the 3rd Legislative District, which he currently represents in the House of Representatives.

Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown, who currently holds the 3rd LD Senate seat, announced earlier today that she will not be running for re-election. Senator Brown immediately announced her endorsement of Billig.

“It has been a privilege to serve the 3rd District for the past 20 years,” said Brown. “One of the reasons I feel comfortable leaving the Senate is that I have complete confidence in Andy. I look forward to having him as my senator.”

Billig, a Democrat, will host a campaign kick-off event on Wednesday, May 16th from 5:30 to 7:00p.m. at Patsy Clark’s Mansion in Browne’s Addition.

“I am committed to serving the 3rd District and welcome the opportunity to continue my service to this community in the State Senate,” said Billig. “My priority is to continue to work for positive results in the areas I hear about most from constituents: creating jobs, funding education, promoting equal rights and protecting the Spokane River.”

“Senator Brown has done so much for this community,” said Billig. I honor her service and hope to continue her legacy of providing a voice and fighting for working families, small businesses and our entire community.”

Billig has also received an endorsement from his House seatmate, Representative Timm Ormsby.

“Lisa’s grace, poise and influence will be sorely missed, but I wholeheartedly support Andy as the right choice to succeed her in the Senate,” said Rep. Ormsby. “I have every confidence in Andy and his abilities, and I look forward to continuing our 3rd Legislative District partnership focused on serving the Spokane community.”

Billig, a co-owner of the Spokane Indians Baseball Club, was elected to the Washington State House of Representatives in his first run for public office in 2010. In his first term, Billig compiled an impressive legislative record. The following are a few of his legislative accomplishments:

- Passed major legislation to protect the Spokane River

- Sponsored numerous job-creating bills including key legislation on aviation biofuels
- Led the fight for equal access to voter registration for young voters
- Played a vital role in bringing the new four-year medical school to Spokane
- Passed two campaign finance reform bills
- Led the charge on key regional transportation projects including the North Spokane Corridor & Safe Routes To School
- Fought for funding to improve schools and protect the social safety net

Billig, 44, serves as vice chairman of the House Transportation Committee and is a member of the Technology, Energy & Communication and Education committees.

In addition to his role as a co-owner of the Spokane Indians, Billig has served as the team's president and general manager. Under his leadership the Indians have earned a reputation for outstanding customer service, community involvement and business excellence. Billig began his career with the Indians in 1992 and is still actively involved in the operation of the business.

Billig is an active member of the Spokane community. He has served previously on the board of directors for the Spokane area YMCA and as a member of the City of Spokane Human Services Advisory Board. He has also been a volunteer Big Brother and youth sports coach. He is currently a board member for Innovate Washington.

Billig is a graduate of Georgetown University where he earned a degree in government. He lives with his daughter who is a 6th grader in the Spokane Public Schools.

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