

PRESS RELEASE-ENGLISH FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2

Submitted By: Dan English, 665-0610 or 687-1026.

Former Kootenai County Clerk, Dan English, will make a formal announcement about his candidacy for Legislative District 2, Position B, the seat currently held by Representative Phil Hart. He will make his brief announcement remarks Wednesday, March 7st at 10:30 a.m. He will make them outside 1910 NW Blvd. in Coeur d'Alene, in front of the State Tax Commission Office.

English, 60, is a native of Kootenai County and has a lifetime record of service to his community. He is the founder and former Executive Director of two local non-profits, North Idaho Youth for Christ and Anchor House-Idaho Youth Ranch. He currently is the Resident Manager of Twin Lakes Friends Camp and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. In the past he has held positions as a city councilman, a sheriff's detective, a school board member, an adjunct faculty member at LCSC in the Justice Studies and Social Work programs, and as a volunteer fireman. He is a graduate of the Idaho P.O.S.T. Academy for sworn law enforcement personnel.

During his tenure as County Clerk, English served as the President of the Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks. He served as Chair of their legislative committee and as a member of the Idaho Association of Counties Legislative Committee. English was very active in the elections community at the state and national level. He was on the Idaho Secretary of State's Election Task Force and was elected Chair of the 110 member Standards Committee of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission which had representatives from all 50 states and the U.S. Territories.

He and his wife Cory raised four children and have six grandchildren. Two of his children were active duty military and served multiple tours in Iraq. They live in the Twin Lakes area and are active members of Calvary Lutheran Church in Post Falls. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from San Jose State University and a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Gonzaga University.

In response to why he is running, English said, "In Kootenai County, the decisions for most of our elected officials are made by a quite small percentage of the registered voters in the Republican Primary Election. In most cases, if they even have an opponent, it is all over in May. When the majority of the voters come out to make their choice, especially in Presidential years when the turnout is over 85%, they find they actually have no choice. I think that problem will be even more acute this year given our new closed primary law.

Democrats have been criticized for not fielding enough candidates for the ballot. As a Democrat I accept that challenge. I feel very strongly about making sure the voters have actual choices for candidates on their ballot, especially in the November General Election. It has been 10 years since there has even been a contested race on the General Election Ballot in this district.

The three issues that will be most important to me are the same issues that I think most voters are concerned about. They include quality education that benefits all of our citizens, strong economic policies that focus on job creation, and the expectation of high ethical standards for our elected officials."