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STEPHEN SNEDDEN RUNS FOR IDAHO STATEHOUSE

Snedden kicks off campaign for Representative 1A, focused on creating jobs

Stephen Snedden, a third-generation Bonner County resident, announced that he will run to represent Bonner and Boundary counties in the Idaho House of Representatives.

“I had the best childhood here and I can’t imagine living anywhere else. I want to protect the things that are important – a clean lake to swim in, a safe place to go to school and a chance to come back here and make a living,” said Snedden.

An attorney in Bonner County, Snedden served four years on the Sandpoint City Council. As a city councilman, he fixed problems for local businesses. He also adopted a disciplined approach to public finance by making the municipal budget more accurate and passing a city-wide hiring freeze.

Snedden is running for State Representative to grow the economy in Bonner and Boundary counties.

“My friends are moving away to find jobs that support their families,” Snedden said. “We have a lot of local businesses that started in garages and grew to be great companies. There is a history of entrepreneurship here. Our own ideas and people can create the best jobs.”

A key concern for Snedden is the growing number of laws and the burden it places on citizens.

“The combined effect of local, state and federal regulations creates a heavy burden on citizens. We need consistency throughout the regulations so that people can rely on common sense in dealing with their local or State government. We don’t want to trip up good people minding their own business with bad laws.”

Higher education is also a top priority and ties in with Snedden’s focus on jobs.

“Education can change our course in life. For the first time, we have a four-year degree out of NIC’s Sandpoint campus. I want to make sure that those programs stay funded at the state-level so that local residents can work here and get an affordable education at the same time.”

Snedden serves on the boards of the Greater Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Pend d’Oreille Bay Trail. Local business leader Doug Hawkins, Jr. is his campaign treasurer. He can be reached at 208-263-4748 or SneddenForIdaho@gmail.com.



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Born: 11/14/1978 in St. Maries, Idaho

Education: Bachelor's – Computer Science, Seattle Pacific University 2002
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Juris Doctorate – Pepperdine University School of Law 2005

Work: Attorney, Berg & McLaughlin, Chtd.

Experience: Councilman, City of Sandpoint 2008-2012

Current Board Positions: Board of Directors, Greater Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail

Awards: Denise O'Donnell-Day Award – Idaho State Bar 2011
(pro bono service to community)