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Teacher Kathy Kahn to Challenge Rep. Barbieri

Medimont---Long-time high school and community college teacher Kathy Kahn announced today she was throwing her chalk into the ring and intends to send current three-term Republican Representative Vito Barbieri into early retirement.

“I’m the one who will go to Boise and work to lower the overly high property taxes we pay. The incumbent just two weeks ago voted to cap the homeowner’s exemption. That is a vote to increase your property taxes, pure and simple,” Kahn said in her announcement press release.

Kahn said capping the homeowner exemption at \$200,000 will end the inflation adjustment factor and result over ten years in a \$100 million dollar tax increase according to the Idaho Tax Commission.

In addition, she pointed out that by voting against fully funding public education every year he has served, Barbieri has engaged in a tax shift that further increases the property tax of every homeowner in every school district in the Second legislative district.

“Almost all the school districts in Idaho now have over-ride levies to generate from the property tax necessary revenue cut by a stingy legislature and then requiring replacement at the local level,” she pointed out.

“The voters of the second district did not send Vito Barbieri to Boise to increase their property taxes, yet that’s what he has done. Voters in the second district cannot afford my opponent,” Kahn stated.

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Kahn said her plan to work for full funding of education's needs by the state would allow for the over-ride levies to lapse which would result in a decrease in one's property taxes.

A second priority for the Coeur d'Alene native is more funding for highway and bridge rebuilding across the state. "Farmers have to get their products to market, loggers and haulers have to get their logs to mills and the timber companies have to get their products safely delivered," Kahn said. "Infrastructure improvements are critical."

Kahn stated there are highway safety improvement projects in northern Kootenai county which the incumbent has voted against.

"Mr. Barbieri not only is not good for education, he's not good for business," she charged.

Kahn said her third issue would relate to the needs of women across Idaho. "While I support in principle a better minimum living wage I recognize Idaho is so diverse that there is no one size fits all answer. A better and smarter way to raise most every household's income is to establish the principle and escource it in law of equal pay for equal work," she said.

She intends to reach out to every voter in the district starting with spring break and to work throughout the summer and fall. "My goal is to meet every voter," she said.

She also reported she had received contributions and pledges totaling \$8,000 thus far with expenditures by her PAC of approximately \$2,000 leaving \$6000 cash on hand. She pledged to be fully transparent with regard to her funding.

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