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Rud Browne Withdraws from WA Senate Seat (40th District) race and endorses Lovelett

BELLINGHAM, WA – Rud Browne, longtime community member and current chair of the Whatcom County Council has withdrawn from the race for the 40th District Senate Seat prior to the ballot deadline and is endorsing Sen. Liz Lovelett.

“In the last two years my primary focus has been to help youth experiencing homelessness, by removing one of the primary barriers which disproportionately keeps LGBTQ and minorities trapped on the streets – an inability to obtain State issued ID. This along with my passion to expand apprenticeship opportunities and address our ever increasing water related issues motivated me to step forward for the 40th District Senate Seat.

However this race is to fill a one year term, requiring an immediate run again in 2020. I recently ran in 2017 for my second term on the County Council and again in 2018 for the open State House seat. Winning and holding the Senate seat would have amounted to four campaigns over four summers. I have instead decided to spend this summer with my family and continue to work on the local issues I am passionate about.

I reached out to see how much Sen. Liz Lovelett shared my concerns for these issues and after a good discussion I have decided to endorse her campaign for the 40th District Senate seat as she has also served in local government which I believe is prerequisite to being an effective State Legislator.”

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