

Gorski Announces Bid for Senate District 44

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I am proud to announce my candidacy as a Democrat candidate for Senate District 44. I have a lifetime of experience as a public servant working with a diversity of groups and businesses at all levels of government and nonprofit organizations. I care about Montana and the quality of life we are handing off to our children.

Everyone knows the Bitterroot Valley is a red county. So why should a Democrat bother to run? My reply is simple. We need elected officials to represent all Montanans. A one size fits all approach to problem solving doesn't fit every situation. Issues are complex and best solved with a diversity of ideas. It takes listening to all sides and frequently requires willingness to compromise. Our country was founded on compromise and I truly believe that "United We Stand-Divided We Fall." It's time to listen to each other instead of trying to prove opposing views are wrong.

Another reason I decided to run is that I am tired of extremists who only offer simplistic and meaningless slogans as the means to get elected. Saying... "I'll fight for your freedom and liberty" is about as instructive as saying "vote for me because I like baseball and apple pie". Those words make for good parade banners, but tell you nothing about how a candidate will approach solving difficult problems that affect everyone.

Although some voters study a candidate's qualifications and position on issues, many simply do not take the time or just vote according to party. If you read my party's platform, you would see that Democrats are not Socialists or Communists. I personally don't think we should give away our hard-earned tax dollars; that government should take away our guns; or that the Government can solve all problems. Unlike some Republicans who get graded on party loyalty, this Democrat will not. I am an independent thinker. I will deviate from the party platform when it is in the best interest of all Montanans.

Before you make party assumptions about me, I ask you to evaluate me based on my core beliefs:

- We need to diversify our economy by developing the infrastructure to attract businesses that benefit from our open space and public lands.
- Public education is the bedrock of our democracy.

- Forest management decisions are better when the county, state, and local citizens are involved.
- Montana needs to step up and get in front of climate change.
- We need to diversify our sources of energy.
- Everyone deserves access to affordable health care.
- Government should stay out of family planning.
- Responsible gun ownership is an important part of what it means to be a Montanan.

I am available to visit with anyone who wants to know more about me, how I solve problems, and whether you think I would be a good State Senator to represent you. Contact me at margaretgorskiforsd44@gmail.com or write Margaret Gorski for SD 44 P.O. Box 994 Stevensville, MT 59870.