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Fyi on my announcement today--casey

Casey to challenge Council President

Casey announced today he would file against Council President Jan Drago, the council's longest-serving member.

"We need change," said Casey. "After 12 years in office, Jan Drago has become unresponsive, remote and ineffective. She is not the leader we need." He said that problem came into sharp focus with her mishandling of the Monorail.

"As council president, Jan has a duty to lead -- to protect the taxpayer's interest and to maintain progress on transportation solutions. She failed."

Casey said it's time for new leadership, energy and ideas to tackle Seattle's transportation problems and other issues in our city.

"Twelve years is long enough. Jan Drago has had her chance. It's time for change. It's time for new people who can lead."

Council candidates have until July 29 to formally file for office. Casey's decision moves his campaign from council position 2 (incumbent Richard Conlin) to council position 4 (incumbent Jan Drago).

Casey is in a strong position to win. He began his campaign in mid January with a goal of bringing effectiveness to the city council. Since then, he's doorbelled 3,500 homes - with a goal of 10,000 homes.

"As I doorbell across Seattle, I hear from people about their hopes for our great city. They want a stronger council to make the city better. They want change," said Casey.

His campaign has received nearly 1,000 donations for a total of nearly \$140,000.

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