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Toby Nixon Announces for State Senate

45th District State Rep. Toby Nixon (R-Kirkland) today announced he is running for the State Senate with an agenda to restore trust in government, making it more open, honest – and less intrusive.

“The people on the Eastside want the government to provide essential services efficiently, but not to overreach and over-expand. We cannot afford a government that tries to solve all of our individual problems,” said Nixon.

Sen. Bill Finkbeiner has just announced he is not seeking re-election, and that he endorses Rep. Nixon for the Senate.

“I’m grateful for the opportunity the people of the 45th District have given me to serve them in Olympia, and the trust and confidence they’ve placed in me,” said Nixon. “I’ve worked hard in a bipartisan way to restore trust in government by making it open and accountable to the voters.”

Nixon is a very independent legislator, who judges each issue by his personal principles and by how it will affect his district. In 2004 he was endorsed by the Washington Conservation Voters, the state’s key environmental group.

Nixon has focused much energy on improving public safety. In the past two years, Nixon sponsored legislation to stop e-mail fraud, penalize computer crimes, and improve accountability for state patrol troopers involved in multiple at-fault vehicle accidents. He served as the sole legislator on Attorney General Rob McKenna’s advisory council on identity theft for the past year.

Nixon is endorsed by Secretary of State Sam Reed, County Councilmember Kathy Lambert, and many other local leaders.

Nixon has served in the legislature since January, 2002. He is ranking Republican on the House State Government Operations and Accountability Committee which considers state government functions such as performance audits and election laws. He took the lead in the House on election reform this biennium, including perfecting key legislation on voter registration, election processes, auditing of voting machines, and voter challenges.

He is also a member of the House Transportation Committee and the Technology, Energy, and Communications Committee.. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Coalition for Open Government, and the executive committee of the Washington state chapter of Republicans for Environmental Protection.

Nixon is a 13-year veteran of Microsoft, where he works as technology advocate, promoting Microsoft innovations to the worldwide industry. He is vice chair of the Steering Committee of the UPnP Forum (www.upnp.org), an industry organization of over 780 companies developing standards for networked devices and smart home technology.

Nixon, 47 years old, has been married to his wife Irene for 23 years. They and their five children make their home in the Kingsgate area of Kirkland.

The 45th legislative district covers areas of northeast King County including Woodinville, Duvall, Carnation, and parts of Kirkland, Redmond, Bothell, and Sammamish.

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