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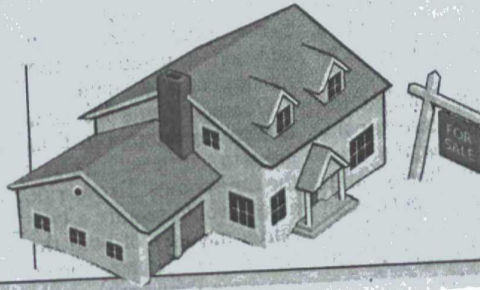
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## Madore signals council chair run

County councilor registers with PDC, allowing fundraising

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Councilor David Madore has signaled he will enter the race for Clark County council chair by registering his candidacy with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission.



David Madore  
Clark County councilor

Though Madore has not officially announced his candidacy — via Facebook or on one of his websites, for example — the April 9 PDC filing allows him to begin raising money for his campaign.

Madore has thus far not reported any contributions, personal or otherwise. In his 2012 campaign, Madore poured about \$314,000 of his own money into his victorious \$331,000 campaign.

When asked about his plans by a Columbian reporter following Tuesday's county council meeting, Madore said, "Two words: No comment." Then he walked away.

Madore becomes the third Republican candidate for the top council seat, newly created

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after the voters approved a home rule charter in November. Councilor Tom Mielke and former county Commissioner Marc Boldt, both Republicans, have announced they're running.

No Democrats have entered the race. In Washington, the top two vote-getters in the primary advance to the general election, regardless of party.

Madore, founder of motion sensor device manufacturer US Digital, defeated incumbent Boldt for a county commissioner seat in 2012.

Madore had the backing of the Clark County Republican Party during that election. The GOP voted to sanction Boldt for actions they believed were out of sync with party goals. This year, the Clark County Republican Party has said it will not take a position during primary elections if multiple Republicans are running.

During the general election, 75 percent of precinct committee officers would have to vote to endorse a candidate.

Mielke did not immediately return a request for comment on Madore's PDC filing.

Boldt, however, sounded unconcerned that he would face his former challenger for the chair position.

"The more the merrier," Boldt said. "If David (Madore) wants to run, that's fine with me."

Elected on a campaign platform to challenge doing business as usual, Madore has been a lightning rod for controversy. Currently, he is touting his own alternative to the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan update, which he developed separate from the county's professional land-use planning staff.

In his three years on the board, Madore has received praise from his conservative constituents for being a fresh voice in Clark County, and harsh criticism from those who call his tactics divisive and even harmful.

Madore and Mielke's terms are set to expire in 2016. Neither has anything to lose by running — both will retain their council seats if they lose the chair campaign. If either wins the chair position, the Clark County Republican Party would nominate three potential candidates to fill their vacant seat, and the four-member council would vote on the nominees in January.

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