

January 30, 2008

Selection Committee
Natrona County Republican Party

It is with enthusiasm and passion that I offer my application, resume, and letter to the Natrona County Republican Party for consideration of the District 56 seat of Dr. Tom Walsh. While saddened by his early departure from the legislature, I am equally anxious to carry his torch to Cheyenne and continue his efforts.

Being formerly elected to an office at the local level affords a significant preparedness for a legislative seat. I have experience in lobbying at both the state and national level, which has instilled the appreciative and attentive posture expected of a legislator. Those who have served understand the expectations of their constituency. And, I fully understand the commitment required of this appointment. There is no doubt that the legislators who are familiar with city governments have an advantage to relate to the fiscal operations necessary to fund counties and municipalities. I have maintained excellent relations with all media sources and have the ability to deliver clear and concise interviews. My leadership skills have been well demonstrated.

During my city council term, I was very active in the National League of Cities organization and completed a five year level of governmental education in only three years. I am proud to have been one of 33 people within NLC to serve on the Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Committee to write policy for Congress. I won't list the many accomplishments I delivered this community, but I do have to reflect pride in my involvement in the meth prevention initiatives. I was an original member of the Meth Watch committee and fought tirelessly from the local to the national level to get the regional treatment center to become a reality. These efforts allowed me to take several delegations to Nashville for hands-on education of treatment operations. And, it was in this service that I made incredible, lifelong friends at the ONDCP. These White House staff members have recommended our Casper mentoring to other communities and they continue to refer all community inquiries to me. As an example, I received an invitation to travel to Hobbs, N.M. last June and asked Chief Pagel to accompany me to their community to design efforts based on our own.

Tom Walsh groomed me to execute a successful political campaign. At his request, I served on the board of the Salvation Army and he sponsored my induction into Rotary. I was present in the Capitol when Tom was sworn into the legislature. He advised me on historical City Council issues as well as protocol and expectations. When I again followed him to the mayor's position, he was there once again to advise me with the lessons he had learned. Many times we discussed that I wanted to continue trying to fill his empty footsteps by running for his legislative seat, but I would never vie for the opportunity until he no longer wanted to serve.

I am passionate about my service to the citizens of Wyoming. As a continuation of my natural progression through political dedication, and following Dr. Tom Walsh's footsteps, I therefore ask the Republican Party to recommend me to his legislative seat in HD 56.

Renee Burgess

Due by Monday, February 4th, 2008 at 5:00 PM

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Casper City Council, 2003-06; Casper Mayor 2006
Casper Area Economic Development Alliance Board Member, 2006
Casper Planning & Zoning Commission, 2002-02
Salvation Army Advisory Board, Vice President, 2003
Casper Rotary Club, 2003 to present
Casper Senior Citizens Board of Directors, 2007
Casper Community Meth Watch Committee, 2002-present

SERVICE TO NATRONA COUNTY:

Natrona County Planning & Zoning Comm., Member & Chair,
1994-1998

SERVICE TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY:

Guest speaker, State Convention, Casper, WY. (Note: Service to the Republican Party has been deliberately limited due to being elected to a non-partisan position. It was imperative that all activities be geared to both parties equally.)

STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN SERVING AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

It is my sincere belief that I have acquired an experienced knowledge of funding issues necessary to the operation of cities, towns and counties by serving the City of Casper for 4 years. My state and federal lobbying efforts, observing committee hearings, attending SLIB funding meetings familiarity with imposed federal mandates are only some of the experiences I know make me qualified to begin serving with a much shorter learning curve.

PRIORITIES AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

I believe it is essential that the person appointed to fulfill the vacated HD 56 seat follow the priorities and path already designed by Rep. Walsh. The citizens elected him and they deserve to have his representation remain consistent rather than the aspirations of a new representative. There is no doubt the many years of governmental mentoring I received from Tom Walsh makes me very familiar with his efforts on behalf of cities, law enforcement, education, veterans and medical quality issues. My greatest priority will be to continue his plans for this session as I begin to listen to the constituency to develop my own priorities as presented to me by the people.

OTHER INFORMATION (FAMILY, ETC.):

Two adult, married children. (Son, Denver business owner. Daughter, Casper Police Officer.)
5 grandchildren

DO YOU INTEND TO RUN FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT 56 IN 2008 IF SELECTED? YES

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EDUCATION

Lamar High School, Houston, TX, 1968
University of Houston, 1968-75 (English/Bus. Admin.)
Texas Certified Teacher's Certificate – Vocational Education

COMMUNITY

Casper City Council, 2003-06; Casper Mayor 2006
Casper Area Economic Development Alliance Board Member, 2006
Casper Planning & Zoning Commission, 2000-02
Natrona Co. Planning & Zoning Commission, Chair & Member, 1994-98
Salvation Army Advisory Board, Vice President, 2003
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QUALIFICATION GUIDES

- * Marketing/PR
- * Adult Education
- * Governmental
- * Public Speaker
- * Corporate Management
- * Administrative Consultant

INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

The following history presents a diverse background that includes professional expertise at many levels and venues. Most recently my position as mayor expanded my public relations, public speaking, mediation and lobbying skills. During those four years I served on more than 30 boards and committees, including the prestigious NCL steering committee of Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations that, among other things, wrote policy for Congress. I have an unlimited circle of governmental familiarity not only in Wyoming, but in most other states as well. Objective problem solving and public speaking, as well as published writings are my passions.

Note – 1988 to 2002 consisted of ownership of an international business and considerable community involvement.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

June, 2006 to May 2007:

Habitat for Humanity – *Executive Director*

Jan., 2003 to Jan., 2007:

Casper City Council/Mayor

Jan., 1990 to 2002:

LARR'S Equipment Sales – *Co-owner of oilfield equipment brokerage company.* (PR, equipment appraisals, remanufacturing, marketing, legal, financial and import/export.)

1988 to 1991:

Caregiver to terminal family member.

Shepherd of the Valley volunteer.

President, Webb Creek Ranches (installed \$500,00 grant/loan water project, working with engineers, City of Casper and Governor) – 2 year project

Feb., 1986 to Jan., 1988:

Wyoming Machinery Company

Sales Coordinator

Sept., 1983 to Sept., 1985:

McGladrey Hendrickson & Pullen

Office Manager/Administrator

Oct., 1982 to April, 1983:

Burgess Investigations

Private Investigator/Paralegal/Legal Administrator/Process Server

May, 1982 to July, 1982:

Baker & Botts International Law Firm, Houston, TX

Night Administrative Coordinator (temporary during relo to Casper)

Nov., 1980 to May, 1982:

Texas Word Processing Institute, Houston, TX

Vice Pres./Training Coordinator (T.E.A. Certified Instructor)

Motivational Speaker/Consultant in Management Procedures

June, 1978 to Oct., 1980:

J.H. Blades & Co., Houston, TX (Div. of Crum & Forster)

Asst. Vice President, Administration & Telecommunications

Milchem, Inc. – Consulting/Teaching

Thomson Drilling – Consulting

Mar., 1975 to Aug., 1977:

Zapata Corporation, Houston, TX

Anschutz Petroleum Marketing – Consulting

National Convenience Stores, Inc. – Controlling Lease Administrator, U.S. Div.

Winston Manufacturing – Asst. to President

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PERSONAL NOTES

One married son, Denver business owner.

One married daughter, Casper Police Officer.

5 grandchildren.