

Political Hopefuls

CHIC HECHT ENTERS SENATE RACE



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Following is a statement issued by Chic Hecht as he announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate and filed his nomination papers:

"Like a lot of Nevada Republicans, I've been watching the current U.S. Senate campaign with a great deal of interest and more than a little disappointment. While the candidates spend an unprecedented amount of money at this early stage, they have said almost nothing about the many problems facing all Nevadans.

I am announcing my candidacy for the U.S. Senate today because the problems of our State and Nation are too important to ignore. I can no longer sit by while we struggle with high interest rates, increased unemployment, growing crime rates, and increasing world tensions and our candidates use a lot of rhetoric but offer no solutions. In the interest of our State, the campaign ahead must be focused on the issues.

The people of our State want answers not a lot of talk. They want solutions not promises. The campaign I will conduct for the next few months will be the same as my campaigns for the State Senate. I will discuss the problems and offer solutions.

As a businessman, I've had to deal with the economic problems our Country and State are having. As a former State

Senator, I know it takes more than rhetoric to create change.

We need to elect a U.S. Senator this year who understands Nevada and the problems Nevadans face. We need to elect a U.S. Senator with the right combination of business, civic, military and legislative experience -- someone who won't need a lot of on the job training.

When Paul Laxalt was Governor, I helped guide his program through the State Senate. Each time President Reagan has run, I've worked hard for him. I've served my State and Country for over 30 years.

I'm asking my fellow Nevada Republicans to join with me in a campaign that will be a crusade to put solutions to the problems of Nevadans first - a campaign that will examine the problems of our State and Nation and offer solutions not rhetoric."

DUTTON LOOKS TO RETURN TO ASSESSOR POST



JEAN DUTTON

Jean E. Dutton, Clark County Assessor, filed for reelection as the Assessor of Clark County. He is a 28 year resident of Las Vegas. Dutton, a Democrat, served for 18 years as the Director of Las Vegas City Licensing and Revenue prior to his 1974 election as Assessor.

Dutton states, "During my eight years as Assessor of

this County, I have been privileged to meet with many individuals and organizations. This has given me the opportunity to explain the property tax laws passed by the State Legislature and to bring about a better understanding of the functions of the Assessor's Office. Regarding the tax issue, I hear the people asking for an equitable and fair system of taxation and questioning governmental expenditures and bureaucratic red tape. As elected officials, we must become more aware of this fact and act upon the mandate to draft realistic and workable forms of legislation."

The Assessor's Office administers the Senior Citizen Tax/Rent Assistance and Exemption Pro-

grams. During the first quarter of each year, Dutton meets with Senior Citizen groups throughout the County to assist them in applying for these programs. He also has sponsored bills to increase benefits to seniors and disabled veterans.

"I believe in maintaining an open door policy for the benefit of the public we serve. I am grateful to my staff for the efforts made in rendering prompt, courteous assistance to the people of Clark County. Our office works to automate and update property data in order to make this information accessible in an efficient and less costly manner for the individuals and agencies who utilize our records," says Dutton.

Dutton served as President and Vice President of the Assessors' Association of Nevada. He was a member of the Executive Board of the International Association of Assessing Officers. Last year Dutton received the Idea Award for the Most Effective Office Procedures and recently was nominated as Vice President for this 9,000 member organization of assessing officials.

SHERIFF McCARTHY PLEDGES TO REDUCE CRIME

Asserting that the Metropolitan Police Department has finally regained a position of trust in the community, John McCarthy filed for the Republican nomination for a second term as Sheriff of Clark County.

"We're in....and we're in with both feet," McCarthy said. "The campaign starts now." McCarthy says he plans to conduct a positive campaign based on issues, not personalities and mudslinging. He said his first term has been one of quiet and innovative accomplishment without a lot of grandstanding and self-congratulating. The sheriff said the people of Clark County as well as his professional peers nationwide are again having confidence and trust in Metro PD. That fact is underscored by Metro's reinstatement in the law enforcement Intelligence Unit membership had been lost during the previous ad-

ministration. McCarthy said his record of first-term accomplishments speaks for itself. Among the dozens of effective programs instituted during his first 3-1/2 years as sheriff are the Neighborhood

JANE HAM FILES FOR REELECTION

Assemblyman Jane Ham, 62, filed for reelection to Assembly District 16. Ham, who has been a resident in her Assembly District for 26 years, was a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, Health and Welfare Committee and Elections Committee during the 1981 legislative session. She is presently a member of the Internal Committee on Access to Public Parks and Recreation.

"The most important issue of the year is the economy," she stated. "The Legislature will soon be responsible for decisions that will be required. We will have to deal with allocating the federal block grants, and deciding on priorities in funding state agencies and local governments. The taxpayer wants strict economy in state government. He wants to know that his tax dollars are not being wasted."

Noting that almost all of the other states have had to raise taxes or cut back on spending, Ham states that she will not support any further

increase in taxes or any new taxes.

"All of the 2.25 cent increase in the sales tax goes to support education and local governments. A one cent decrease in the sales tax will mean 70 million dollars that must be made up from either increasing the gaming or property taxes, or instituting a new tax or cutting spending at all levels of government. I wonder if these candidates who are promising to cut the sales tax have any idea about how to do it."

Ham pointed out that the 1981 tax package says Nevadans 125 million dollars in increased property taxes. "I went to Carson City in 1981 pledged to decrease excessive property taxes for home owners, and we accomplished that," she said. "If the 1981 tax shift from property tax to sales tax is not generating enough revenue for state and local governments, the answer is not to shift back to our former reliance on huge property tax increases."

Ham says that she is not tied to

any special interest group, but represents all the people of Nevada. Since the end of the 1981 legislative session, Ham has continued to represent the people of Assembly District 16 at Planning Commission and County Commission meetings on rezoning in the district. Ham also represented Nevada in Los Angeles recently at a briefing on budget, land and water reform and "New Federalism" where President Reagan and members of his cabinet spoke to a group of western state legislators and county officials.

Jane Ham is a Republican and a member of the Clark County Republican Executive Board. She is a widow and has three children, Peter Ham, 25, Marjorie Parker, 25, and Susan Ham, 23.

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