

Re-Elect
Gary Alexander

for State Representative • GOP • District 20, Position 2



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Dear Friends and Supporters:

It is time to gear up for my 2010 re-election campaign and your early financial and endorsement support is critical to our success.

We have just concluded a very difficult and challenging session, but in many ways it was one of my most effective. I was able to combine my strong budgeting background and your voice to force the democrats to pass a budget without major new taxes. And believe me, they wanted to.

I also effectively brought my message to every corner of the state that the recently passed operating budget relied way too much on one-time money and was unsustainable. I offered several alternatives to avoid spending money the government didn't have. I also added my voice to stop the passage of legislation to break a promise and take \$60 million in levy equalization funds from our children and families in poorer school districts.

The \$9 billion deficit you heard and read about could have been cut in half. I advocated for early and decisive action that would have protected against deep cuts to our most vulnerable population and saved thousands of jobs. The answer from the democrats was a "let's wait and see" and unfortunately another forthcoming "I told you so."

I do not believe in spending more than what we have and then asking our citizens for more taxes to make up the difference. The government must stick to a budget and live within its means, just like you do at home and in your businesses.

The key to protecting your taxpayer dollars and stopping this game-playing is to have someone who will continue to offer common sense and fiscally responsible solutions.

I am ready to return to the Washington State Legislature and to bring a voice of reason and integrity back to the capitol. I need your financial help today to continue to represent the 20th district and southwest Washington. It is very important that I solidify my campaign funding early, so that I can focus on the issues that are critical to our district and the state.

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These issues and my goals have been consistent:

- Creating and retaining family wage jobs
- Finding market-based solutions to controlling costs and improving our healthcare system
- Providing a clear and strong commitment to our public education system and funding it
- Preparing state budgets that are truthful, fully funded, sustainable and accountable to our taxpayers

As many of you know, we have one of the strongest campaign teams in the state in the 20th district. We are all in a position of strong leadership and influence. I serve as the ranking Republican on the powerful Ways and Means Committee. In addition to my leadership role on budget matters, I also serve on the House leadership team in the areas of healthcare, pensions, performance auditing and regulatory reform.

I have, and expect to continue to have, strong support from both business and labor. I had the pleasure of receiving recent awards as “Legislator of the Year” from both the Washington Health Care Association and the Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs. I also received recognition from the LEOFF I (Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters) Coalition for my work with pensions, and received the “Key to the City of Chehalis” for my work with flood relief efforts in Lewis County.

Your voice, your vote and your financial support have been the foundation for sending me to the Washington State Legislature for seven successive terms. It is an honor to serve you. I need your financial help again as I attempt to bring common sense, reason and financial soundness into the policies and budgets that will direct the future of our families, businesses, community and state.

Please fill out the enclosed envelope and let us know how you would like to help with my campaign. Please remember to write down your email address and sign the line that says it’s ok to use your name for an endorsement. Let’s begin an early and successful start together. Thank you for your continual support.

Sincerely,



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