

Kaplan Announces Write-In Assembly Bid

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Even though he is hanging on in the Alaska House District 36 Democratic Primary Election, candidate Dave Kaplan suspects it will be difficult for him to bridge the 18-vote gap between him and Andy Lundquist. And even though he will not concede unless he's still behind after the election's certification, he is preparing to set his sights on a different elective office, just in case.

Kaplan announced yesterday (Thursday) afternoon that barring a turnaround in the House race, he will run as a write-in candidate for Kodiak Island Borough Assembly, where only two candidates are running for three open seats.

-- (Kaplan
1 30
sec "I
didn't think about it … always been important to me.”)

Kaplan received 405 of his 579 House race votes from within the Kodiak Island Borough, so his name recognition is high among voters. And while he thinks he should have a leg up as a write-in assembly candidate, he says he will still have to work for every vote:

-- (Kaplan
2 18
sec “You
know we don’t … voter need to be educated on this.”)

The past
year has been a tumultuous one for the borough assembly. There have been
lawsuits and counter-lawsuits, land and water use disputes, and now, a push to
build a new high school. Kaplan says he’s ready for the challenges and wants to
help put the troubles of the past behind the borough:

-- (Kaplan
3 36
sec “I
would like to bring an … Borough Mayor Jerome Selby.”)

The Alaska
House District 36 Democratic Primary Election should be certified by Wednesday
or Thursday, after 27 overseas absentee ballots are counted.

The Kodiak
municipal election is less than a month away, on October 7th.

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