

New Contender in Congressional Race for Washington's 8th District

James Windle, born and raised in Sammamish, has returned home to Washington State after spending his early career in public service in Washington, DC. He recently made the cross country trek to the home he and his wife own in Snoqualmie Pass. Windle intends to run for Washington's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Windle's roots run deep in the 8th District. He left his federal civilian job with the Department of Defense to serve his home state more directly and be closer to his family and friends, who still live in the 8th District and surrounding areas. As a youth he gained an appreciation for the outdoors in the Cascades, Kittitas County, and the Columbia Basin. His strong work ethic developed working at his family's gas station on Mercer Island during high school and college. After graduating from Redmond High School, he enrolled at Bellevue College. He supported himself through college at Washington State University before graduating from the University of Washington.

Some would say Windle's journey home began as soon as he left. When studying at the UW, he realized he would not be equipped to serve his home state without a practical education in how government works. He left Seattle for graduate school at Boston University. This led to positions in the federal government including at the White House budget office, in Congress, and in the National Nuclear Security Administration at the U.S. Department of Energy. Most recently, he graduated with a second master's degree from the United States Naval War College and served as an Associate Dean and instructor at the College of International Security Affairs at the Department of Defense's National Defense University. This experience has prepared Windle to serve the 8th District well.

His decision to run as a political independent, rather than being affiliated with a political party, has to do with his experience working closely with both political parties. "My political bias is toward solutions. We can get this economy booming again with fiscal responsibility; pro-growth policies for businesses; a simpler, fairer tax code; and an efficient, smarter federal government. With savings from reductions and tax reform, we can selectively invest in infrastructure and education to stay globally competitive. A Republican or Democrat cannot propose this platform because of their rigid views."

Windle is happily married to his wife of four years, Anh-Thu Mai-Windle. During the campaign, she will continue to travel between Seattle and Washington, DC, where she works as an attorney in the federal government. The Windles can often be found snowshoeing, hiking, and entertaining friends and family at Snoqualmie Pass.

His campaign website will be at: <http://www.windleforcongress.com>. His professional biography can be found at: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/jtwindle>.

Plans in coming days include initiating his daily "Coffee Shop Campaign" from 7:30-9:00 AM at coffee shops around the 8th District. He also plans to hold events emphasizing the importance of physical fitness. His website will contain upcoming events and information on how to join Team Windle.

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