

Testin launches bid for lieutenant governor

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GOP state Sen. Pat Testin has formally announced his bid for lieutenant governor, saying “in 2022, Wisconsin Republicans must go on offense to fight, win, and get our state back on the right track.”

“Since 2016, I have been fighting for our conservative values in the state Senate, but playing defense against the catastrophic Evers/Barnes policies isn’t enough anymore: there is a better way forward,” Testin said in his announcement.

Testin, of Stevens Point, filed paperwork on Friday to join the race. He was reelected to his second term in 2020 and won’t have to leave his seat to join the growing GOP field.

Other declared GOP candidates: Ben Voelkel, a former aide to U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson; Lancaster Mayor David Varnam; and David King, who’s run for a series of offices over the past decade.

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Other Republicans considering a run include: Matt Cordio, an entrepreneur; state Sen. Rob Stafsholt, of New Richmond; and Cindy Werner, who ran unsuccessfully for the 4th CD in 2020.

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