

Kenda Exploring Primary for Executive Council Seat Held by Russell Prescott

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North Hampton, NH. Republican Steve Kenda says he is taking a serious look at unseating Executive Councilor Russell E. Prescott, which includes the cities and towns of Atkinson, Brentwood, Chester, Danville, Derry, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter, Fremont, Greenland, Hampstead, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, Kingston, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, Newton, North Hampton, Pelham, Plaistow, Raymond, Rye, Salem, Sandown, Seabrook, South Hampton, Stratham, and Windham, and the city of Portsmouth.

“Several prominent Republicans have approached me and suggested I take a serious look at Prescott’s seat. Most are shocked at his recent voting record and are looking for a credible candidate to give voters an alternative,” Kenda said. “His proposal to increase the tolls hits hard-working folks in New Hampshire right in the wallet. At a time when nationally we are cutting taxes, improving business incentives and creating jobs, Prescott is promoting an indirect tax via a toll road increase and endorsing \$4 million rail studies.”

Kenda added, “Prescott has supported the appointment of a Massachusetts resident to the Public Utilities Commission, subjecting our citizens to rules put forth by someone that doesn’t have to live under them. Prescott has voted with the Democrats on multiple occasions and has managed to miss two meetings as well; you have to question his commitment to his supporters and the role.”

Kenda has twice run for the State Senate seat in D-24 and recently served on the Commission on the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation. He was removed by the Governor after being unwilling to concede the existence of a CDC-defined cancer cluster. Kenda has been clear that there are all types of cancers in many locales, but a CDC-defined cancer cluster has specific statistical requirements that, in his evaluation,

were not met by the DHHS. “It’s not the first time that politicians have let emotion hold sway over science,” said Kenda.

Kenda sees the Executive Council position as intended to provide a check-and-balance for the Governor’s office over the affairs of the administration of the State. “Maintaining a fiscally conservative and transparent government requires a willingness to question when appropriate, rather than applying a rubber stamp,” said Kenda. He added, “The citizens of New Hampshire and my District will be well-served given my business background. The seat will give me the opportunity to more closely examine the contracts and spending that run through the State.”

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Stephen Kenda, Brooklyn-born M.I.T. graduate, has been living in New Hampshire for 38 years. An entrepreneur, he is currently CEO/owner at HireAbility.com and CEO/owner at Regmaven. Formerly founder and CEO at KENDA Systems, Inc., he built the business from scratch to 150 internal employees and 850 consultants working across nine time zones. Previously licensed in financial services with Series 7, 63, 65, and 24, Steve has experience in multiple aspects of the financial services industry and served on the Finance Committee for The Music Hall in Portsmouth. A candidate for the D-24 State Senate seat in 2014 and 2016, he has lived in D-24 the past ten years and currently resides in North Hampton with his wife and son.