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Incumbents missing in state's 1st District House race

For the first time in recent memory, neither state representative in the 1st Legislative District is running for re-election.

By **Nancy Bartley**
Seattle Times staff reporter

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Sandy Guinn

Reps. Al O'Brien, D-Mountlake Terrace, and Mark Ericks, D-Bothell, have decided to call it quits, opening the path to eight candidates vying for the two House seats.

Ericks, a longtime law-enforcement officer first elected in 2005, has been nominated by President Obama to become U.S. marshal for Western Washington. O'Brien, who was first elected in 1996, plans to move with his wife to Wisconsin to be closer to her parents.

The 1st District includes Bothell, Maltby, Mountlake Terrace, Brier and parts of Lynnwood and Edmonds.

Position 1

Vince DeMiero, a Democrat and an Edmonds schoolteacher, says education funding must be reformed so schools aren't dependent on economic trends and local supplemental levies.

DeMiero, 48, has taught English, journalism and photography at Mountlake Terrace High School for 22 years.

He supports light rail and other forms of mass transit, and said he would promote green energy to help reduce the region's carbon footprint.

DeMiero said the state must "have the courage to re-examine the way we generate revenue," and he called Initiative 1098, which would established a state income tax for high-income earners, "a first step toward a more fair, equitable and sustainable system."

He has raised more than \$23,600 in campaign

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Derek Stanford

DEMOCRAT, POSITION 1
Age: 39

Family: Wife Cheryl, one daughter

Residence: Bothell

Education: PhD. statistics, University of Washington

Political/job experience: Director of analytics at a telecommunications company; membership chairman, Washington Alliance of Technology Workers, 2009-present;

contributions.

Sandy Guinn, 59, a Republican and former Bothell City Council member, said she wants to get people back to work, rebuild the state's fiscal position, and invest in education and infrastructure.

She said she favors reducing taxes and restrictions that hamper the growth of businesses. The state also should plan better by projecting revenue and spending six years out, she said. "Before a new program is added to the state, it needs to be added to the six-year projection to see if it financially pencils out," she said.

In a questionnaire for the Municipal League of King County, Guinn touted her experience in local government, saying that while on the Bothell City Council the city paid off its long-term debt and earned a higher bond rating.

She opposes the income tax initiative on the fall ballot.

"Why would we reward people who work hard and succeed financially by saying, 'Thank you for all your hard work and now you need to give Olympia more of your money than anyone else would?'" Guinn asked.

Guinn has reported nearly \$7,500 in campaign contributions.

Dick Lapinski, a Republican and insurance agency owner, did not return phone calls from The Times seeking comment. He said on his campaign website that the state is in a "terrible financial mess" because of government overspending.

He said he would reopen negotiations on tribal gaming revenue for the state and work to make nontribal electronic gaming on par with tribal gaming. He reported no campaign contributions.

Dennis Richter, 58, an electrical engineer for the Boeing Co., said state taxes and regulations are creating a hostile business climate.

On his campaign website, Richter, a Republican, said Boeing's decision to locate a second 787 Dreamliner production line in South Carolina "should be a very sobering warning to all of us."

He said the state must cut spending, abolish the business and occupation tax and work to lower unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation costs. He also favors "substantially increasing" paying for teachers to attract and keep the best candidates.

Richter has reported \$4,600 in contributions.

Derek Stanford, 39, a Democrat, says Olympia should focus on getting people back to work and funding education, the environment and transportation.

The state should fully fund initiatives to decrease

board member, Washington Public Campaigns, 2005-2006; fellow, Institute for a Democratic Future, 2003-2004.

Website: <http://derekstanford2010.com>

Dick Lapinski

REPUBLICAN, POSITION 1
Age: Not available

Family: Not available

Residence: Not available

Education: Edison Technical College; courses at Edmonds and Everett community colleges.

Political/job experience: Insurance agency owner and real estate agent; past board member of Seattle Sportsman's Conservation Foundation and Seattle Puget Sound Chapter of Safari Club International.

Website: www.dicklapinski.com/

Dave Griffin

DEMOCRAT, POSITION 2
Age: 47

Family: Single, two children

Residence: Woodinville

Education: Bothell High School, Everett Community College

Political/job experience: Now unemployed after working 10 years as an operations manager for a box manufacturer.

Website: www.davegriffin2010.com

Vince DeMiero

DEMOCRAT, POSITION 1
Age: 48

Family: Wife Debbie, four children.

Residence: Edmonds

Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees, Washington State University.

Political/job experience: President, Washington Journalism Education Association; board member, Journalism Education Association's Scholastic Press Rights Commission; teacher leader, The Discovery School, one of five small schools within Mountlake Terrace High School; Edmonds School District educator of the year.

Website: <http://vinedemiero.com/Home.html>

Luis Moscoso

DEMOCRAT, POSITION 2
Age: 60

Family: Wife Anita, three grown children

Residence: Mountlake Terrace

Education: B.A. anthropology, University of Iowa; two years graduate study

Political/job experience: Former government relations director, Washington Public Employees Association; founding member, NAACP of Snohomish County, 2005 — present; founding member, Communities of Color Coalition of Snohomish County, 2000; member, Mountlake Terrace Community Policing Advisory Board, 1994 -1996.

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class sizes and give teachers cost of living raises, he said. Funding for those initiatives has been slashed because of state budget shortfalls.

REPUBLICAN, POSITION 1

Age: 59

Family: Husband Jeff, one child

Residence: Bothell

Education: Everett Community College, Central Washington University.

Political/job experience: Bothell City Council member, 1998-2009; Bothell deputy mayor, Bothell, 2005-09; Bothell Planning Commission, 1996-97; University of Washington Business Development Advisory Board member 2008, 2009.

Website: www.sandyguinn.com

He also would restore funding for the Basic Health Program, which also was cut, and protect Apple Health, a children's health-care program. He opposes the idea of letting state universities set their own tuition, saying it would hurt working families.

A statistician, Stanford said the Legislature hasn't done enough to explore closing tax loopholes. "That should be where we start when we talk about maintaining revenue for education and public safety," he said.

He has reported more than \$40,000 in campaign contributions.

Position 2

Dave Griffin, 47, an unemployed operations manager, says his lack of formal political experience will bring a new perspective to Olympia.

He said he supports education, including early education, and said lawmakers should look for efficiencies and savings to help rein in state spending.

Griffin, a Democrat, said that during the last session legislators "should have found a way to work together without adding more taxes to candy and pop. It hits those who use them most — the low income," he said.

Griffin hasn't reported any contributions.

Luis Moscoso, 60, a Democrat, said the state must tackle its budget problems by looking at programs and services and determining what's critical.

"In some ways, we might have to reinvent government," said Moscoso, the former governmental relations director for the Washington Public Employees Association.

He's been active in state Democratic Party and currently serves as party secretary.

Moscoso supports public transportation, saying, "It is imperative that we reduce dependency on fossil fuels." He also said spending on mass transit produces twice as many jobs per dollar as spending solely on roads.

He's endorsed by Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn, as well as a long list of Democratic state legislators local government officials.

Moscoso has reported more than \$40,000 in campaign contributions.

Heidi Munson, 34, who owns a housekeeping business, said that if elected she would not support anything not found in the Washington State Constitution.

Her campaign website calls for cutting government and taxes, removing mandates on health insurance companies, dropping subsidies for alternative energy, eliminating roadblocks for more nuclear power and allowing parents to send their child to whatever school is best for them.

"I am running because those in Olympia are out of touch with the people," said Munson, a Republican. "We need honest people in Olympia who will represent the people, and get the state back on solid financial footing."

She has reported raising \$10,000 in contributions.

Dennis Richter

REPUBLICAN, POSITION 1

Age: 58

Family: Wife Janis, five children

Residence: Bothell

Education: B.S., University of Washington, electrical engineering.

Political/job experience: Electrical engineer, Boeing Co.; Republican precinct committee officer

Website: www.richter2010.com/bio/index.htm

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