

Term limits

Over 30 years ago, I was executive vice president of the third largest sales volume retailer in downtown St. Paul, Minnesota.

A guy I had met through his personal relationship with WHA hockey players asked me if I would serve on the executive board of the St. Paul Downtown Council. He was its president. Being more willing to "join" than I am now, I agreed and was elected.

We faced the same competitive problems, and disadvantages, then that downtown businesses do now, with parking always being at the top of the list. That executive board worked hard to compete with the large regional malls of Dayton-Hudson Corporation, the strip shopping centers, new and expanding discounters like Target and catalog showroom operations like LaBelle's as well as other suburban retailers.

One of my first assignments on the executive board was to review and rewrite the by-laws. I was provided an attorney for the legal aspects of the job. My first contribution to that board was to propose and get passed new term limits. Those term limits took my friend out of the presidency, which he was not ready to relinquish. We remained friends.

A couple years ago, I was invited to sit on a Federalist Society panel concerning term limits here in Wyoming. I am one of the few in the media who favor term limits. Others relish the access they gain by cozying up to elected officials and don't want to have to start over.

The relevant point of the foregoing is that I have always supported term limits. Not the voluntary type some support through the ballot box. Anyone who believes challengers have an even chance to unseat

incumbents either smokes something they can't buy over-the-counter or is terribly naive about the realities of politics.

Incumbents seeking re-election win about 97-98% of the time - most often unchallenged. Consider that in 2006, Bill Winney was the only Republican to challenge six-term Congresswoman Barbara Cubin. In 2008, when she is not seeking re-election again, three others mustered up the courage to enter the fray. With an incumbent in the race, few have courage.

Observation at the Wyoming State Legislature will confirm that those who exceed the 12 year limit voters supported in 1992 by a 77% vote will agree that those who have been around longest are usually the most ineffective. Still, they simply will not vacate on their own - they have to be defeated or pass away while in office to leave. That is tragic. But, true.

In 2006, I surrendered my personal beliefs in deference to Jeff Ketcham and Diane Humphrey exceeding two terms in office. I was wrong and I won't do it again.

In 2008, at the local level, Pete Anderson will seek still another term. There is no need to return him to office to be largely ineffective. Jack Knudson is seeking a third term but there is a much better choice in Gay Woodhouse. She is a friend and ally but, if she seeks a third term down the road, I will oppose that. I will make no further or future exceptions.

Jimmy Valdez, Patrick Collins, Jack Spiker and Don Pierson are seeking terms beyond their second. We are to be a citizen legislature and no one, repeat, **NO ONE**, is indispensable. If voters continue to reelect the same bored candidates, they will get what they deserve.

Candidates in the August 19, 2008 primary election

	Republican	Democrat	Other
U.S. Senate (6 year term)	Mike Enzi	Al Hamburg Chris Rothfuss	
U.S. Senate (4 year term)	John Barrasso	Nick Carter Keith Goodenough	
U.S. House of Representatives	Mark Gordon Kenneth Holland Cynthia Lummis Bill Winney	Gary Trauner	W. David Herbert
Senate District 04	Tony Ross		
Senate District 06	Wayne Johnson	Phyllis Sherard	
Senate District 08		Floyd Esquibel	
House District 07	Jeff Mathews Bryan Pedersen	Ken Tuma	Clair A. Schwan
House District 08	Bob Nicholas	Lori Millin	
House District 09	Marirose Morris David Zwonitzer	Anthony Reyes	
House District 10	"Pete" Anderson Donn Edmunds	Jana Howard Ginter Gary Roadifer	
House District 11		Mary Throne	
House District 12	Amy Edmonds	Katherine Van Dell	
House District 41	Tim Bolin Becket Hinckley	Ken Esquibel	
House District 42	Pete Illoway		
House District 43	Kevin Lumsden	Dan Zwonitzer	
House District 44	Drew Hill	Nate Breen James W. Byrd Richard Leslie Tammy Rasnake	
Laramie County Commissioner	David Beedle Jack Knudson Gay Woodhouse		

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Candidates' names are listed alphabetically.




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