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### **25 plus year County Employee Announces bid for Yakima County Assessor**

Jacob Tate announced his candidacy for Yakima County Assessor today with a dedication to continue pushing for more efficiency in appraisal and transparency with the public.

“I’ve been in public service for the greater part of my life with the County and before that with the Navy. The changes the County Assessor has implemented with my assistance are crucial to the public’s trust and acceptance of property assessment and taxation. Neither are fun topics in many cases but transparency and education can help with understanding the necessity and accepting the equity in both.” Tate said.

Tate further stated, “I’m committed to continue making sure the public has access to all the same information we have and has the ability to come to their own understanding of a complicated and nuanced issue. Property taxes, Assessment and Levy calculation are all necessary functions of the County. Being efficient and equitable in assessment and taxation are required and can help the public trust when the office is transparent in their processes, procedures and data.”

With over 25 years of experience in the County Assessor’s office Tate has experience with the various issues impacting the County associated with the Assessor’s Office. “There are over 4,300 square miles of land in Yakima County, only a small portion of which is taxable. Of that approximate 25%, a portion of that land is exempt from taxation. The remaining portion has to support services for the whole County. “, Tate explained. “Rising costs in administration of exemptions and other programs from the State while also having to balance expenses of the department means we have to come up with other solutions like writing our own software packages, or implementing processes that streamline workflows to account for loss of staff.”

Tate concluded, “I’ve been dedicated to making the Assessor’s office more efficient and equitable while also ensuring the public has access to their data and can easily understand what information is used to determine their value and taxes. I’m looking forward to continuing that and being able to give back to our community and solve the issues we face together.”

You can learn more about Jacob Tate’s campaign at [JacobTateForYakimaCounty.com](http://JacobTateForYakimaCounty.com).