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JESSICA MORSE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR CONGRESS IN CA-03

Former California Deputy Secretary for Forest and Wildland Resilience launches campaign against extremist Kevin Kiley.

ROSEVILLE – Today Democrat Jessica Morse announced her candidacy for California Congressional District 03. She will challenge freshman incumbent Kevin Kiley.

“For the last four years, I have worked on the frontline of California’s wildfire crisis, helping build a wildfire resilience program to protect communities,” said Morse. “But, given the scale of federal land in this district, we won’t make progress without increasing and expediting federal resources. In Congress, I can deliver policy solutions to protect communities from wildfires.”

“When I see a problem, I run towards it and will not stop until it is solved,” said Morse. “It’s not about partisanship. It’s about problem-solving. That’s what drives my public service and why I’m running for Congress. We must put aside our differences and find solutions that keep people safe and healthy and make life better for everyone.”

“Jessica Morse doesn’t shy away from a crisis,” said Chris Anthony, retired Chief Deputy Director at CAL Fire. “Jessica was a leader in California’s wildfire resilience efforts, helping design and advocate for funding a comprehensive program that is regarded as a national model. She effectively worked across 22 departments to quickly implement a wide range of tools that protect homes, communities, forests, and public lands from wildfires.”

Morse is a fifth-generation Northern Californian whose ancestors crossed the

Sierra on covered wagons. She grew up in a middle-class family and understands the struggles of families to find affordable housing and juggle the costs of gas, utilities and groceries.

In her announcement video Morse said, “Kevin Kiley hasn’t been a champion for our district. From wildfires to health care costs to housing and traffic, he’d rather point a finger than step up and solve the problem. You deserve better than that.”

Kevin Kiley is an extremist representing a district that is trending Democratic. CD-03 was created by an independent redistricting commission in 2022 and the majority of voters live in suburbs. Voters in the district continue to reject the extremism of MAGAs and Donald Trump, making this a classic toss-up district.

Joe Biden received 48% of the vote in 2020 and flipped El Dorado and Sacramento Counties, where a sizable number of voters live, from red to blue.

Kiley is a conspiracy theorist and election denier and Donald Trump called him a MAGA champion. His extremism is out of step with voters here. He is anti-choice and has voted against abortion rights legislation. In November 2022, 57.9% of voters in CD-03 supported Proposition 1, preserving the right to abortion and contraception in the state constitution. Kiley was opposed.

Congressional District 3 encompasses nine counties from the Sierras to Death Valley National Park, including Alpine, El Dorado, Inyo, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, and Yuba Counties.

MORE ABOUT JESSICA MORSE

In 2019 Morse was appointed Deputy Secretary for Forest and Wildland Resilience at the California Natural Resources Agency. Last year, she was appointed to the U.S. Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission. Prior to her work on wildfire resilience, Morse held a Top Secret security clearance and spent a decade working in national security for the US Defense Department, the US State Department, and USAID, the humanitarian branch of the State Department. In 2005, Morse was sent to Iraq, working as a civilian side-by-side with US troops.

Meet Jessica in the video below and learn more at www.morseforcongress.com

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