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Lorraine, Kansas

Peter Solie of Lorraine, Kansas has announced his candidacy for the Kansas House of Representatives. Mr. Solie currently represents the residents of Lorraine as a City Council Member. Solie has served on the City Council since late 2014. He is the father of three and lives in Lorraine with his wife, Avis.

The focus of his campaign will be “Freedom.” According to Solie, “The freedom to succeed is not a possibility without the freedom to fail.” He continued, “A simple way to see this is the KU Basketball team. They have now experienced the joy of success. That success, however, is only available to them because they were open the possibility of failure.” Bringing it back to the Kansas Legislature, Solie continued, “I see far too many actions coming from the Kansas House that are erecting barriers with the intent of keeping Kansans safe. Unfortunately, each of those ‘safety’ actions removes the possibility of success.”

Solie has been elected twice to his position as a City Council Member in Lorraine. In addition to this position, he also serves on the Governing Board of Ellsworth County Economic Development. Professionally, Solie is an Instructor of Communication at Barton Community College in Great Bend. As part of his responsibilities at Barton, Solie has taught Public Speaking at Russell, Wilson, Ellsworth and Central Plains High Schools.

In addition to his teaching outside of the Barton Great Bend Campus, Solie said that he loves teaching at Ellsworth Correctional Facility. He began teaching at ECF in early 2018 and has taught a variety of different courses. He said, “Teaching inside a correctional facility is very different than what I expected. I wish that everyone could get through that gate and interact with the inmates. They are eager to learn and I love learning with them.”

Solie is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Great Bend. Until recently, he served as the Bishop of the congregation. He was released from that position in August of 2021 after

almost six years of service. He now serves on the regional church council and as Coordinator of Prison Ministry for Central Kansas.

Since moving to Kansas in 2000, Solie had been registered as a Republican. He changed his party registration to the Libertarian Party in 2016. He stated, "I am much more comfortable with the limited government and freedom of choice philosophy of the Libertarian Party. If elected, I expect to vote for a Republican Speaker of the House and caucus with the Republicans."

Solie encourages residents of the 109<sup>th</sup> District to visit his website [www.petersolie.com](http://www.petersolie.com) and explore his policy positions. He said, "The Libertarian position of 'freedom of choice' often scares people who are pro-life. I am most definitely pro-life and that is essential to who I am." Solie's positions include:

- Pro-life
- Rejection of Critical Race Theory
- De-regulation of professions
- Rejection of the "Climate Crisis" with real solutions
- Boarder Integrity
- Equal Opportunity – Not Equity
- Election Security
- Drug Law Reform – focus on assault and theft, not stupid decisions
- Immediate end to the Fentanyl crisis
- Prison Reform
- Local Control Constitutional Amendments

Solie is seeking the Libertarian Party of Kansas endorsement for the new 109<sup>th</sup> House of Representatives District. The new 109<sup>th</sup> will include Ellsworth, Lincoln, Osborne, Russell and Smith Counties. The Libertarian Party Convention will be held in Wichita on April 22-24 where Solie will seek the endorsement of the party. Solie will not be on the Primary Ballot in August, but if endorsed by the Libertarian Party he will appear on the General Election ballot on November, 8 2022.

More on Solie's campaign can be found on his website [www.petersolie.com](http://www.petersolie.com).

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