

LANGHORNE

Fire chief to challenge King

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Republican Frank Farry, a local fire chief and lawyer, is running against state Rep. Chris King for state representative in the 142nd District, he announced Wednesday night in front of about 75 supporters outside Langhorne's borough hall.

Farry's announcement came the day after former congressman and former Bucks County commissioner Mike Fitzpatrick dropped his two-week bid for Harrisburg because of an "emerging family medical issue." Fitzpatrick said that Farry, 35, would make an excellent candidate.

"While reform is today's buzzword, gridlock, partisanship and unacceptable use of taxpayer dollars continues to rule the day in state government," said Farry, chief of the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Co., and assistant township manager of Middletown before a throng of supporters, including family members, local officials, firefighters, and rescue workers.

"We need open, honest government and that should be a must, not a desire. Modest government reforms aren't enough," he said, adding that he will work for tax reform, funding education, affordable health care, economic development and providing services for volunteer emergency service providers.

"Everybody wants that," said John Toth, chairman of the Democratic Party of Middletown. "He's not saying anything Chris [King] isn't working hard at."

Toth said Farry should resign from his post as assistant township manager due to any possible conflicts of interest. Farry said his post at Middletown is not a political position, but one designed to carry out the policies of the board of supervisors.

The Courier Times was unsuccessful in reaching King for comment.





Frank Farry announces his candidacy on the steps outside Langhorne Borough Hall Wednesday evening.
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