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JIM KELLER DECLARES CANDIDACY FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Libertarian Jim Keller officially filed his Declaration of Candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday, February 21. Keller will be running on the Libertarian ticket in the 29th Congressional District (Pasadena - South Pasadena - Altadena - Alhambra - Burbank - Glendale - San Gabriel - Temple City), a seat currently held by Democratic incumbent Adam Schiff.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity to run for this office," Keller said. "This district is best described as socially progressive but fiscally conservative, and it's exciting to be the only candidate in the race who can speak for that majority."

Keller's major campaign platforms will include the need for a balanced budget amendment; reducing government spending by eliminating waste and pork; ending the Iraq war and restructuring American foreign policy; repealing the USA Patriot Act and protecting civil liberties; helping the working poor by restructuring the tax code to allow them to keep more of the money they earn; and ensuring equality for all regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation,

religion, disability or any other arbitrary classification we can come up with.

The Libertarian party first approached Keller about running for office in 2005. He has spent the last eight weeks gathering signatures of registered Libertarians in order to qualify for the ballot.

"Getting on the ballot is a lot more work than most people think. I'm very grateful to everyone who has helped me out so far," Keller said.

Keller's name will appear on the Libertarian ballot in the June 6 primary elections. He expects to be running unopposed in the primary, and he would then face off against Adam Schiff in November (assuming Schiff wins his own primary).

Keller works for Caltech where he is part of the Education and Public Outreach team for the Spitzer Science Center. His primary responsibilities include designing and maintaining the Spitzer Space Telescope website, producing the popular "Ask an Astronomer" video podcast / web videos, and doing graphic design for various printed publications.

In addition to his work at Caltech, Keller is a professional actor. He is active in his union's Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, which strives to create opportunities for performers of all races, genders, ages,

and disabilities. He is one of the producers of the annual Ivy Bethune Diversity Awards presented by the Screen Actors Guild, the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, and Actors' Equity Association.

In addition to volunteering with his unions, Keller was a founding director of Blue Faery: The Adrienne Wilson Liver Cancer Association, which works to combat Hepatocellular Carcinoma and other primary liver cancers through research, education, and advocacy.

Keller lives in Pasadena with his longtime companion, theatrical designer and college professor Christopher R Boltz, and three cats.

More information on Jim Keller's campaign, platform, and personal history can be found at <http://www.votekeller.org/> .

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