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The Honorable Paul D. Pate, Secretary of State
First Floor, Lucas Building
321 E. 12th St.
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Secretary Pate:

I write to formally object to Anthony LaBruna's nomination petition for Iowa Senate District 3.

Under Iowa Code, a candidate for the Iowa Senate must have held Iowa residency for one year prior to the general election and also have resided in the district they seek to represent for at least 60 days. This would mean that all candidates would need to have established permanent Iowa residency by November 8, 2021 in order to qualify for the November 8, 2022 ballot.

According to public documents and statements from LaBruna himself, he has resided in Washington, D.C., Florida, and Iowa all within the last several months. His sudden "move" to Senate District 3 has raised many eyebrows and warrants further investigation into exactly when he legally established residency in the State of Iowa.

- In a text message to a colleague from Iowa on August 22, 2021 LaBruna expressed that he was in Iowa for the state fair but "heading home in a couple of days." When asked if LaBruna was still residing in D.C. or back in California he replied "Florida."
- On September 3rd of 2021, LaBruna appeared on WHO Radio for an interview where he discussed that he was back in Iowa visiting friends but residing in the State of Florida. When asked if he would be back in Iowa for a visit by former President Donald Trump, LaBruna replied that he hoped so.
- A media release on November 23, 2021 from the campaign of U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley identified LaBruna as a resident of Des Moines, IA.
- A media release from LaBruna dated December 1, 2021 announcing his candidacy in Iowa Senate District 3 also listed the location of the announcement as Des Moines, IA (although Des Moines is not in Senate District 3.)
- When asked to provide his address to the Storm Lake Times during an initial candidate interview, LaBruna declined to disclose where he lived.
- In LaBruna's Affidavit of Candidacy on file at the Iowa Secretary of State's office, he lists two addresses. His home address 427 East 3rd Street in Sanborn, Iowa (O'Brien County) and a mailing address of P.O. Box 931, 509 Cayuga Street, Storm Lake, Iowa (Buena Vista County). 509 Cayuga Street is the physical address of the U. S. Post Office in Storm Lake.

Given the fact that LaBruna is not a native Iowan and has very publicly lived and worked outside of state so recently, I ask that your office verify the following:

- When and where did LaBruna establish legal residency in the State of Iowa?
- When and where did LaBruna establish residency in Iowa Senate District 3?

Until these questions are answered, the public cannot in good faith believe that LaBruna has met the legal requirements to be elected to the Iowa State Senate as established in Iowa Code.

Respectfully,



K. Lynn Evans
501 W 6th Street
Aurelia, Iowa 51005

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State of Iowa
Affidavit of Candidacy

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Candidate's Name (exactly as it should appear on the ballot - no titles, parentheses, or quotation marks):

Anthony LaBruna

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Candidate's Name Sounds Like (phonetic spelling):

Office Sought: Iowa State Senate

District or Ward (if any): 3

Vacancy - Is the candidate running to fill a vacancy due to the death, resignation, removal, or temporary appointment of an office holder?

No Yes

Type and Date of Election:

Primary on 06 / 07 / 22 General on ___ / ___ / ___
 City/School on ___ / ___ / ___ Special on ___ / ___ / ___

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Candidate's Affiliation (only complete for partisan offices or Ch. 44 city nominations):

Democratic Republican
 Not affiliated with any organization
 Name of Non-Party Political Organization: _____

No more than 5 words and exactly as it should appear on the ballot.

Candidate's Home Address:

427 East 3rd Street Sanborn Iowa 51248 O'Brien
Street (no P.O. boxes) City State Zip County

Candidate's Mailing Address (if different than above):

P.O. Box 931 509 Cayuga Street Storm Lake Iowa 50588 Buena Vista
Street City State Zip County

Candidate's Phone: 712-308-8915

Email: Anthony@labrunaforiowa.com

Candidate's Affirmation

I swear (or affirm) that the information provided on this form is correct. I will be qualified to hold this office and if I am elected, I will qualify by taking the oath of office. I know that I cannot hold public office if I have been convicted of a felony or other infamous crime and my rights have not been restored by the governor or by the president of the United States.

I know that I am required to organize a candidate's committee, which shall file an organization statement and disclosure reports if I (or my committee) receive contributions, make expenditures, or incur indebtedness in excess of \$1,000 in a calendar year for the purpose of supporting my candidacy for public office. (This does not apply to candidates for federal office.)

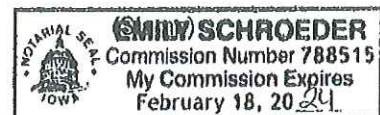
I know that I cannot be a candidate for more than one office to be filled at this election, except as otherwise provided by law.

Candidate's Signature: Anthony LaBruna
Must be signed in the presence of a notary.

State of: IA County of: POLK

Signed and sworn (or affirmed) before me on date of: 3/15/2022

By: Anthony LaBruna
Print Candidate's Name



Notary Signature: Emily Schroeder, Notary Public or authorized notary under §9B.10



Anthony >

Sun, Aug 22, 1:28 PM

What are you doing this week

I just got thrown off a tube. 😂
I'm at the lake but heading home tonight then just working this week. Yourself?

Let's meet up I'm in Iowa for the fair

Heading home in a couple days

Want to meet for dinner or coffee

Want to meet later this afternoon or tonight? I'll be in Des Moines. Otherwise I'll be in Cedar Falls but can always drive back to Des Moines.

Can't tonight Tuesday work?

Works for me

Is home still DC or are you back in Fullerton?



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Florida

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FORMER TRUMP OFFICIALS FROM IOWA ENDORSE CHUCK GRASSLEY

Trump and Grassley "Made America Great Again"

"We Need Chuck Now More Than Ever"

DES MOINES – A bevy of former Trump administration officials from Iowa today endorsed Senator Chuck Grassley for re-election following former President Donald Trump's [endorsement](#) of Grassley last month. A recent [Des Moines Register](#) poll found former President Trump leading President Joe Biden in Iowa by 11 percentage points in a hypothetical 2024 rematch. Only 33% of Iowans approve of Biden's job in the White House. Meanwhile, Trump's approval rating among Iowans is at a [record high](#).

"These Iowans helped lead the charge to achieve many of the Trump administration's biggest successes. They were some of the most effective advocates in our fight to open new markets abroad for Iowa's farmers and grow our domestic biofuels industry," **Grassley said**. "These public servants understand firsthand what a difference it makes to have an Iowan at the policymaking tables in Washington. I'm honored to have their support in my campaign for re-election."

In their endorsement letter, the former Trump officials cited Grassley's work to confirm three Supreme Court Justices and to pass the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* and historic criminal justice reform.

The full letter can be found below or [here](#).

As Iowans and former members of the Trump administration, we join President Trump in his complete and total endorsement of Chuck Grassley for re-election to the U.S. Senate.

Together, President Trump and Senator Chuck Grassley made America great again. They delivered three Supreme Court Justices, the United States Mexico Canada trade agreement, the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* and the biggest criminal justice reform in a generation.

President Trump always says, "Chuck Grassley is tough." He's a man that truly loves Iowa.

As former chairman and ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Grassley helped craft the President's tax cuts and then guided them through Congress to the President's desk, just as he did the prior two largest tax cuts in history. As a fierce champion for Iowa agriculture and manufacturing, every administration knows that international trade deals brokered during his tenure must pass Grassley's seal of approval. As former chairman and current ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Grassley helped steer through a historic number of conservative jurists to the federal bench during the Trump administration and is sinking his teeth into anticompetitive practices in the cattle markets, the pharmaceutical industry and Big Tech.

President Biden and the radical Democrats in Washington are trying to undo all the good President Trump accomplished. Chuck Grassley is the leader we need now to hold the line against socialism. We need Chuck now more than ever.

We give our full-throated endorsement to Chuck Grassley for re-election and encourage our neighbors across the ideological spectrum, rural and urban, young and old, from across the state to join us. Whether you're a farmer or a stay-at-home parent, drive a truck for a living, retired, run a business, or work on the factory floor, Chuck Grassley works for you.

The Senator we need is the Senator we've got.

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United States Department of Agriculture
Resident of Urbandale, Iowa

Alex Latcham**Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Political Director**

The White House
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Anthony LaBruna Announces Candidacy for Iowa State Senate

December 1st, Des Moines, Iowa - Anthony LaBruna announced today he is running to represent Iowa's 3rd District Senate seat. LaBruna most recently served as President Trump's White House Liaison to the United States Department of Commerce. In this role, he worked alongside Senior Policy personnel to advance America first initiatives in International Trade Administration (ITA), Economic Development (EDA), Census Bureau, and the National Telecommunication Information Administration (NTIA).

"America is on the wrong track; our community is being neglected by this administration and its ineffectual policies. I have represented the 4th Congressional District of Iowa for many years, serving the needs of everyday Iowans on the local, state, and federal level. I plan to continue this pattern of service in Des Moines," said LaBruna.

LaBruna spent formative years working, listening, and solving everyday problems for Iowans in the 4th Congressional District office alongside Congressman Steve King. During this time, he worked to ensure veterans receive health benefits, acted as a resource for small business owners, and made sure Iowa's agriculture policies provide the highest return on corn, soybeans, milk and eggs.

"By advocating for subsidies for ethanol when we need it most, and working to reduce costs for all of production agriculture, Iowa farmers win and the country wins," adds LaBruna.

LaBruna offers an understanding of the legislative process. He clerked in the State legislature for three years, focusing most of his time on safeguarding First Amendment rights, easing regulations on farmers and small businesses, and promoting public safety initiatives.

LaBruna will bring a fresh perspective to the state as status quo Republicans have been unsuccessful at solving critical issues such as education reform, creeping inflation, and weakened borders throughout Iowa. He will also be focused on providing policy solutions to the district's core problems that relate to internet accessibility, agriculture, and economic development.

"I know what it will take to keep Iowa moving in the right direction. I care deeply about my community and everyone in this great state. I'm ready to fight for conservative values and fundamental freedoms for our community and the generations to come," said LaBruna.

As the State Senator, Anthony LaBruna will champion Iowa values. He will work tirelessly to secure the option of school choice, restore faith in our electoral process, and cut wasteful spending.

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Youthful transplant to Storm Lake runs for Iowa Senate

LaBruna, who worked for Trump, takes on Aurelia native Lynn Evans

December 22, 2021

The race for the opening Iowa Senate seat that covers Buena Vista and four counties to its northwest is shaping between a longtime school superintendent and a 24-year-old former cabinet official for President Donald Trump.

Experience is expected to be a major sticking point.

Lynn Evans, 57, of Aurelia, was the superintendent of two school districts in Senate District 3 and graduated from Aurelia High School in 1982. He touts a 35-year career as a teacher and education administrator.

Anthony LaBruna, who recently moved to Storm Lake

“around the BVU area,” cited his role as President

Donald Trump’s liaison to the commerce department.

At age 22, he managed 213 employees and a \$30 million budget. He also worked for the Trump’s campaign in Iowa and as a page for State Rep. Jarad Klein, R-Keota.

“Taken by surprise, you could say,” Evans said of his opponent in the Senate race. “He’s an ambitious kid. I give him credit for that. We’ll see what the voters want, my record or his. I’m proud to share mine.”

LaBruna told The Storm Lake Times he plans to tout his brief stint in the Trump cabinet and hot-button issues among Northwest Iowa conservatives: inflation, education reform and administrative oversight.

He was quick to note his stint in the Trump cabinet gave him “a perspective about what’s wrong with bureaucracy.” He plans to bring a deficit-hawk view to the Legislature.

“I worked in the federal government. The stories you hear about hammers costing (thousands of dollars) are everywhere,” he said in a phone interview earlier this month. “People need someone with that view in the Legislature. I want to protect our tax dollars from common abuses.”

The driving question among election observers is whether Evans’ relationships during his superintendent tenures can overcome his questionable policy credentials among the conservative wing of Iowa Republicans. He lost a House primary in 2020 to Dennis Bush of Cleghorn by less than 300 votes.


The most ardent voters show up for primaries; whether they are motivated to vote for Evans this time around is an open question.



Anthony LaBruna moved to Storm Lake and is running for the Iowa Senate.

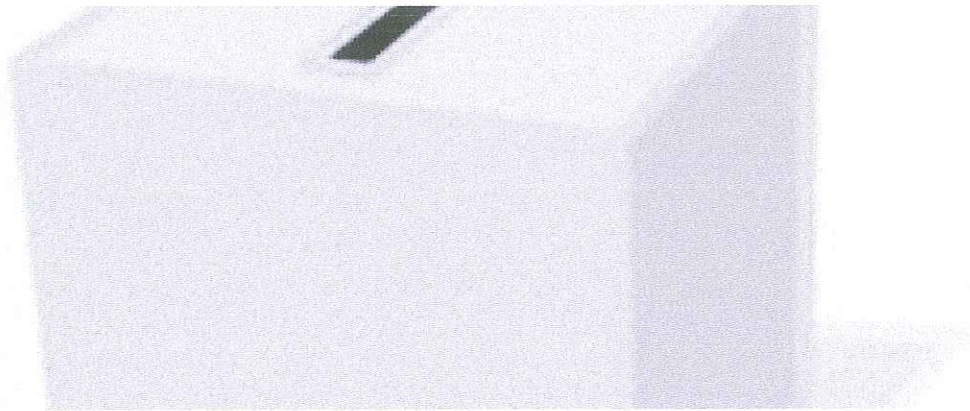
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Filing Deadline Expires For State And Federal Offices



3/18/2022

(Des Moines)– The filing deadline for state and federal offices closed at 5:00 pm Friday (March 18th). There's no incumbent in Iowa Senate District 3, but there are two Republican candidates. That sets the stage for a June primary election between Lynn Evans of Aurelia, and Anthony LaBruna of Storm Lake. There is no Democrat on the ballot. Senate District 3 includes parts of Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, O'Brien and Osceola Counties.

In Iowa Senate District 5, which covers parts of Clay, Dickinson, Emmet and Palo Alto Counties, incumbent Republican Dave Rowley of Spirit Lake will face Republican David Dow of Emmetsburg in a June primary. There is no Democrat on the ballot.

There are multiple contested races for seats, in the Iowa House, representing northwest Iowa. In House District 4, which covers all of Lyon County, and the northern half of Sioux County, two Republicans will meet in the June primary. Incumbent Skyler Wheeler, who lives in House District 3 right now, will move his family into District 4 before the general election. He'll face Republican Kendal Zylstra, of Larchwood, in the primary. There is no Democrat on the ballot.

There will be a three-way Republican primary in House District 5. Republican incumbent Dennis Bush of Cherokee is challenged by Zachary Dieken of Granville, and Thomas Kuiper of Sibley. They'll meet in the June primary. There is no Democrat on the ballot.

In House District 6, Republican incumbent Megan Jones of Sioux Rapids will face Democrat James Eliason of Storm Lake in the November general election. House District 6 includes much of Buena Vista County and the southern half of Clay County.

(Courtesy news partner KTIV in Sioux City)

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Anthony LaBruna enters District 3 race

Storm Lake man joins Lynn Evans in hunt for GOP's nomination

By [Nick Pedley](#)
News Editor



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[Anthony LaBruna](#), of Storm Lake.

Republicans in the new Iowa Senate District 3 will face a contested primary election ballot next June.

Anthony LaBruna, of Storm Lake, announced his candidacy in the new district on Dec. 1. He most recently served as former President Donald Trump's White House Liaison to the United States Department of Commerce, where he worked alongside senior policy personnel to advance Trump's "America First" initiatives in a variety of governmental agencies and departments.

LaBruna pointed to his former boss' successor in the White House as one of his reasons for running.

"America is on the wrong track; our community is being neglected by this administration and its ineffectual policies," he said in a news release. "I have represented the Fourth Congressional District of Iowa for many years, serving the needs of everyday Iowans on the local, state and federal levels. I plan to continue this pattern of service in Des Moines."

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"I know what it will take to keep Iowa moving in the right direction," he said. "I care deeply about my community and everyone in this great state. I'm ready to fight for conservative values and fundamental freedoms for our community and the generations to come."

Internet accessibility, agriculture and economic development will also be some of LaBruna's top priorities if elected.

LaBruna joins former Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn superintendent Lynn Evans, of Aurelia, in the race for the GOP's nomination in District 3, which was formed during decennial redistricting this year. It includes all of Osceola, O'Brien and Buena Vista counties, as well as parts of Cherokee and Clay counties. No sitting state senators currently reside within its boundaries.

The primary election will take place on June 7, 2022.

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