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Subject: Fearing a ballot topped by Trump and Eyman, some GOP leaders back newcomer Raul Garcia in crowded Washington gubernatorial primary

Friends –

Here's a "warts and all" description of the serious Republican candidates for governor. I appreciate Dr. Garcia being featured in the headline and being the lead candidate the article addressed.

Garcia's warts are being convicted of reckless driving after being pulled over for driving under the influence. He also has a dismal voting record. In his thirteen years that he's lived in the state of Washington, he's voted in two of the three presidential elections (soon 3x4) but didn't vote in most the other elections. Regarding these two mistakes, this statement is on his web site:

I AM A BETTER LEADER FOR THE MISTAKES I HAVE MADE

"It is better to own a mistake than to hide it. I am a candidate for Governor of Washington State. As I ask for your vote, I say that I am human, and I made a mistake in September, 2014, which resulted in a conviction for reckless driving. By the grace of God, no one was hurt, and I was humbled. I was driving from Yakima to Sea-Tac to catch a flight when the police pulled me over for driving while under the influence. This event made me a better driver, father, husband and physician. No one needs a tired person weaving across the dividing lines on the highway. My family, friends and colleagues know of this incident and still give me their complete support to run for Governor of Washington.

"Another mistake I've made is not voting consistently. As I focused intently on a demanding and time-consuming profession, I looked at voting as a privilege, and didn't always take advantage of it. I thought that was just my loss. But the longer I've been an American, the more I've realized that it's not just a privilege, it's a responsibility – my most important one as an American citizen. The conflicts before us have called me to public service, especially at a time when the knowledge that I have gained as a medical researcher and physician have so much value in the public debate. But my decision to run for office has been in part driven by the desire to make up for the mistake of not exercising my right to vote – one that I will never make *again*.

"One of my competitors has made an issue of my mistakes. I'm assuming that, as a human being, he has made mistakes as well. But I plan to follow the advice of Ronald Reagan and not speak ill of a fellow Republican candidate. I hope to receive the same courtesy in the future." said Dr. Raul Garcia-R, candidate Washington State Governor.

--Sam