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Brett Davis Wins Fifth District GOP Straw Poll in Landslide

Davis wins contest in Wisconsin's most Republican congressional district with 63 percent in four-way race.

MADISON – State Representative Brett Davis received a decisive 63 percent of the vote in the lieutenant governor straw poll held at Sunday's Fifth Congressional District Republican Party caucus. Superior Mayor Dave Ross and Ben Collins each received 14 percent and Rebecca Kleefisch received 9 percent.

The GOP primary voter rich Fifth District includes all or parts of Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, Jefferson and Milwaukee Counties. It is the most Republican congressional district in the state and represented in Congress by U.S. Rep James Sensenbrenner.

Davis formally launched his campaign for lieutenant governor just two weeks ago and hails from south central Wisconsin. Davis has based his campaign on a pledge to transform the lieutenant governor's office into the leading taxpayer watchdog in the state with the chief mission of rooting out waste, fraud and abuse. Each year Davis serves as lieutenant governor he will propose an amount equal to at least 100 times the lieutenant governor's office budget in wasteful government spending to eliminate.

The 2011 operations budget for the office of lieutenant governor was \$390,800. Under Davis' formula he would then propose nearly \$40 million in government spending cuts in his first year in office.

"It is an honor to have such strong support from Republican leaders in the Fifth District," said Davis. "Our campaign to give the lieutenant governor the job of cutting wasteful government spending is resonating and gaining momentum each day. It's time the taxpayers get a return on their investment for having a lieutenant governor."

Davis has represented Green County and portions of Dane, Rock and Lafayette Counties in the State Assembly since his election in 2004. Despite being a conservative Republican, Davis has won three times in a district that gave President Barack Obama 64% of the vote. He is a graduate of Monroe High School and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh where he played basketball. Brett and his wife Amy live in Oregon with three children.