

GARY BUCHANAN Independent Candidate

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About Gary

Gary was born in Iowa City, Iowa on April 17, 1949, when his father was in medical school. He then lived in Topeka, Kansas, Superior, Wyoming, and Boulder, Colorado where his dad practiced medicine and his mother was a professional cellist.

Gary graduated from High School in Bethesda, Maryland when his dad was in the CIA. Gary graduated with his bachelor's degree and attended graduate courses at the University of Colorado. In 1975, he and his family moved to Montana. He started his business career at Merrill Lynch in 1979 and then took a leave of absence to become Montana's first Department of Commerce Director. He has also been an executive with D.A. Davidson and Dain Rauscher. He started Buchanan Capital in 2002 with his wife Norma and son, Todd Buchanan. He is now joined by his daughter, Kelly Buchanan Ewing, and other talented professionals.

Gary has always taken an interest in what Montana has to offer and has always been involved on the state and local level to protect and promote Montana values and assets. In his free time, he and Norma are chasing their four grandchildren around the state supporting all their numerous activities.

Gary's Experience

Gary has served on many different boards and provided extensive leadership for many organizations throughout Montana.

- First Department of Commerce Director
- Former Chairman of the Montana Banking Board
- Served two terms on the Montana Board of Investments including Chairman
- Chairman of the Board of Crime Control
- Served on the Montana Supreme Court's Commission on Practice
- Served on the Montana Capital Development Board
- Served on the Montana Power Authority
- Served on the Montana Chamber of Commerce Board
- Served on the Montana PBS Board
- Served on the Alberta Bair Theater Board
- Led the Billings Montana United Way Campaign
- Former Chairman of the Nature Conservancy of Montana
- Led Governor Racicot's 1994 major reorganization of Montana Government
- Attended 2005 National Security Seminar at the U.S. Army War College
- Attended the Wharton School of Business Summer Securities Institute 1999-2001
- Awarded Montana Ambassador of the Year
- Awarded lifetime Honorary Membership for National Trout Unlimited
- Awarded Montana Ambassador Plenipotentiary

Gary Buchanan is a Political Independent. He has split his vote on Montana politics for almost 45 years. He has served a half-dozen Republican and Democrat Governors.