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Don Cheatham

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Representative Don Cheatham from District 3B has registered to run for reelection. After retiring, he wants to continue giving back to his community. Being retired has allowed him to devote his efforts to this endeavor fulltime.

His most recent position was with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as a Regional Director for the Southwestern United States. He and his team were dispersed throughout this region and had the responsibility for keeping more than 45 million people safe from terrorist attacks, prevent the unauthorized acquisition, importation, movement or use of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear materials and capabilities etc.

Cheatham was also previously employed in the private sector by the second largest bank in the United States, Bank of America, in Corporate Security. He was later promoted to Vice President and Regional Manager, where he worked in the Protective Services Division covering several states.

Cheatham drafted \$10 million plus budgets, addressing the bank's security vulnerabilities and key assets.

Cheatham served nearly 25 years with the Los Angeles Police Department which included assignments in Homicide, SWAT, detective supervisor in Gangs, Internal Affairs, Organized Crime, and the Anti-Terrorist Division, wherein he was a member of the Los Angeles Task Force on Terrorism.

Cheatham served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam era.

Cheatham has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the California State University, Los Angeles and a California Community College, Lifetime Limited Teaching Credential. His mother was a teacher in the public school system. He was also a licensed realtor, private investigator and previously held a CPP in the American Society of Industrial Security.

These are some of the bills Representative Don Cheatham sponsored or co-sponsored during the 2015-16 legislative sessions:

- Authorization of a Veteran's Home for Northern Idaho
- Constitutional concealed weapons carry
- Records relating to proposed or existing critical infrastructure that contain sensitive information regarding any public agency shall be exempt from disclosure
- Provides Worker's Compensation coverage for firemen/firewomen for disability or death resulting from certain occupational diseases, etc.
- Allows women a free, voluntary ultrasound, prior to having an abortion
- Sexual assault evidence kits
- Amends community college trustee zones for fair representation
- Controlled hunting permits with drawings for transparency
- Restrictions on use of eminent domain to acquire private property for use as trails, paths, greenways or other ways for running, walking, etc., unless adjacent to a highway, road or street
- Unborn Infants Dignity Act to prevent the illegal harvesting of the organs and tissue for any purpose

(He also voted to support a behavioral health community crisis center in Coeur d'Alene which is currently in operation, strengthen public education programs, colleges, Stem, reading intervention programs, etc.)