

Thrasher to run again for D-10 House seat

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A North Phoenix music teacher is hoping to return to the Legislature in 2011 and avenge a narrow defeat in last year's election.

Jackie Thrasher, who one term served in the House before being defeated in last fall's election, announced Oct. 15 that she is running for the House next year. The Glendale Democrat was first elected in 2006, defeating incumbent Republican Doug Quelland by 231 votes.

But last year, after only one term in office, District 10 voters cast 553 more votes for Quelland than Thrasher.

Quelland has since come under fire from the Citizens Clean Elections Commission, which recommended earlier this year he be removed from office for violating state campaign finance laws. He is appealing the decision.

While in the House, Thrasher served on the Education, Transportation and Public Institutions & Retirement committees.

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