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Upland resident Kenneth Petschow, pictured here behind the controls of an American Airlines jet, announced his run Monday for San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford's seat.

A member of the San Antonio Heights Association announced Monday he is running against incumbent Janice Rutherford for her seat on the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

Kenneth Petschow, 54, of San Antonio Heights, an unincorporated area in the foothills north of Upland, said the annexation of his city's fire department by the county and a \$158 tax imposed on residents as a result, without a vote, was one of the reasons he decided to run.

"I was very unhappy with the situation that happened here," Petschow said in a telephone interview Monday. A pilot for American Airlines and former president of the San Antonio Heights Association, Petschow aims to strengthen transparency in local government and bring his constituency in the Second District together to "achieve cohesive growth and prosperity for the community."

The county's Second District includes the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Upland and Fontana and the communities of Crestline, Lake Arrowhead, Devore and Lytle Creek.

"Key issues I see as critical to the well being of this county, and ones that I believe we can drive impact and positive change on, include economic development and a balanced county budget," Petschow said in a statement Monday.

Although Petschow says Rutherford has led strongly during her two terms as supervisor, he said it is time for change and a "fresh approach."

"My priority will be to build on the significant efforts of previous supervisors and drive an agenda for strengthening the utility services so vital to our county, and ensuring the community is deeply involved in the revitalization of these programs," he said in his statement.

Rutherford, elected in November 2010, will be running for her third term. She said in a telephone interview Monday she will kick off her re-election campaign at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana. In her more than seven years as supervisor, Rutherford said she has helped make government more transparent and accountable and helped tighten the budget, among other things.

“I think anyone who has observed the county notices a complete turn-around in how the county is operated, both financially and ethically,” Rutherford said. “We have also refocused the county’s budget on the core functions of county government, and we’ve also made progress in economic development.”

If re-elected, Rutherford said she wants to focus on the high concentration of poor people in the county.

“We have too many people in San Bernardino County living in poverty, and we’ve got to find ways of getting more families on the ladder to middle class,” she said Monday.

Additionally, Rutherford said the county has significant infrastructure and public safety needs. She said she is eager to get the Lake Gregory dam repaired, to see that the county invests in road projects, job growth and economic development, and that more deputies fill the streets and county jails, especially the understaffed High Desert Detention Center in Adelanto.

“We’ve got to keep working towards all those things,” she said.

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Four-car collision shuts down stretch of Air Expressway

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A victim of a four-car collision is transported to an ambulance on Air Expressway in Victorville on Monday. [James Quigg, Daily Press]

ADELANTO — A four-car crash shut down a portion of Air Expressway Monday afternoon.

The collision occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. near Emerald Road when a Lexus sedan reportedly crossed over double-yellow lines, authorities said.

San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department Deputy Kevin Riberich told the Daily Press that the Lexus crossed into the eastbound lanes and struck a Chevrolet pickup truck. The collision caused the Chevrolet to hit a Honda sedan and Cadillac.

The collisions spread debris all over Air Expressway, prompting authorities to call for a full closure of the road for approximately two hours.

Minor injuries were reported for all parties involved, Riberich said.

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