

# Kevin Taft



## never thought he'd be a politician.

A public policy analyst and head of his own Edmonton-based consulting company, Kevin's life took a sharp turn when he returned to Alberta in 1994 after a year away studying for a business degree.

"Alberta had changed," he recalls. "The government was gutting our health care system without a plan, throwing people's lives into chaos." Kevin watched in growing dismay as the government took aim at education and other public services Albertans had carefully built over many years.

In 1997, Kevin wrote *Shredding the Public Interest*, a national bestseller which confirmed many Albertans' concerns about the PCs. A second bestseller in 2000, co-authored by Gillian Steward, exploded the myths of private, for-profit health care.

"Alberta has so much potential. By working together, we can build a strong and sustainable future that offers opportunity for everyone."

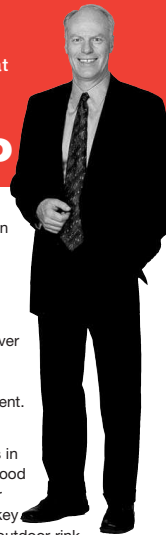
— Kevin Taft, Leader, Alberta Liberals

## Leadership

Kevin stepped into public life in 2001, handily winning his Edmonton Riverview seat in the provincial election. He was elected Leader of the Alberta Liberals and Official Opposition three years later.

Today, Kevin is as determined as ever to move Alberta forward, into an era of sustainable growth where people are at the heart of government.

Kevin lives with his wife Jeanette Boman and their two teenage boys in his constituency, in the neighbourhood where he grew up. A former soccer coach, Kevin plays Oldtimers' hockey and is a familiar figure at the local outdoor rink.



There is nothing more important than accountability when it comes to government.

## Accountability.

Taxpayers should question how their money is being spent. They deserve to know if their interests are truly at the centre of government decisions. That's a sign of a healthy democracy.

But in Alberta, their questions go unanswered. And that's not right.

Kevin Taft and the Alberta Liberals are focused on improving accountability in government. To give Albertans confidence their government is always working for them, we will introduce:

- A lobbyist registry
- Whistleblower protection
- A cooling off period for senior government officials
- A Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform, to involve Albertans in building a stronger democracy

It's a simple truism that failing to plan is planning to fail. Nowhere are the consequences of failing to plan more certain than in government.

## Responsibility.

In health care, in education, in essential services such as electricity and insurance – the consequences of failing to plan have cost Albertans dearly.

Today Alberta is poised for a tremendous leap, thanks to a windfall of oil and gas revenues. From experience, we know this can't last.

We need to transform our current energy boom into a strong and sustainable future. That calls for a clear vision and a real plan, to avoid more costly mistakes.

Kevin Taft and the Alberta Liberals are focused on delivering responsible government. With far-sighted thinking and good management, we will work with Albertans to build a future that truly reflects our potential.

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