

# **GOP backs Budelmann for second term as Cayuga County district attorney**

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Cayuga County Republican Committee members endorsed District Attorney Jon Budelmann in his run for re-election at a meeting on Thursday night.

Budelmann, who has 19 years of experience as a prosecutor, began his first four-year term in 2007 after working as the chief assistant district attorney since 1995.

Budelmann has also worked for the Madison County District Attorney's Office and as a law clerk.

"I am eager to meet the upcoming challenges facing our community head-on," Budelmann said in a press release Thursday.

"If re-elected, I will continue my commitment to keep our community safe. I respectfully ask for this community's support once again."

Budelmann said Cayuga County has experienced a 39 percent increase in felony arrests and 51 percent increase in violent felony arrests since 2007. That has resulted in more investigations, litigation, hearings, grand jury indictments and trials, Budelmann said.

"In the past four years, this office has secured hundreds of felony convictions and lengthy sentences for killers, child molesters, drug dealers and other dangerous criminals," Budelmann said.