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Ermold filed his paperwork with Davis

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David Moore, left, and his partner David Ermold talk to the media Saturday, August 29, 2015, during a fairness rally in Morehead, Ky. The two have been turn down for a marriage license by Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis multiple times. Photo by John Flavell/For The Independent

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MOREHEAD, KY (WLEX/CNN) - Kim Davis and David Ermold met once again, face to face. This time, he asked for a different set of paperwork, forms that he hopes will help him take her job.

"The integrity of the office was compromised. I think that became publicly obvious in 2015," said David Ermold, who is candidate to be Rowan County Clerk.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is legal in June 2015.

When Davis, in her role as county clerk, refused to issue Ermold and his husband a marriage license, citing God's authority, the encounter sparked a political journey.

After a legal battle that included Davis being jailed briefly for contempt of court, Davis is still not issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, but her deputy clerks are.

Wednesday, on a stage in a room full of supporters, Ermold announced his candidacy.

"I think that unity, diversity, those are universal issues. They don't belong to the Democratic party. They don't belong to the Republican party. They belong to all the people," Ermold said.

His platform includes leadership, fairness and responsibility - basic rights, Ermold said, he was denied by Davis.

"This is about our entire county, and that's what I want to do with this campaign," Ermold said. "It's brand new, but you know what, maybe we can show them how it's done."

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