Amy Schumer, Susan Sarandon give cash to Kim Davis' would-be opponent

Two Hollywood celebrities have put their money behind a Democratic candidate for county clerk in Rowan County, who was denied a marriage license by incumbent Kim Davis because he and his partner are gay.

Comedian and actress Amy Schumer has contributed $1,500 to David Ermold, who faces three challengers in Tuesday's Democratic primary, while actress Susan Sarandon has given him $800.

She was not in her office Monday and her lawyer, Matt Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel and co-author of her book, "Under God's Authority: The Kim Davis Story," did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Background: Kim Davis' challenger is a man whose marriage license she denied.

Ermold announced in December he was challenging Davis, who in 2015 refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, citing God's authority, for which she eventually spent five days in jail, for refusing to follow court orders. The couples included Ermold and David Moore, whom he eventually wed.

Schumer starred in "Trainwreck" and "Snatched," as well as Comedy Central sketch series "Inside Amy Schumer."

Sarandon, a noted social and political activist, was nominated for the Academy Award for best actress for "Atlantic City," "Thelma & Louise," "Lorenzo's Oil" and "The Client" before winning it in 1995 for "Dead Man Walking."

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