Millbrook Republican bids to unseat Delgado

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MILLBROOK—Republican Kyle Van De Water of Millbrook formally announced his candidacy for New York’s 19th Congressional District on Wednesday.

“With the complete support of my wife and children, our family and friends, and now the majority of the Republican county committee districts, I am excited to announce that I am running for Congress,” Van De Water said.

Van De Water is the fourth Republican to announce a bid to unseat Democratic U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado of Rhinebeck in 2020. He joins Bryan Mac Cormack, director of Columbia County Sanctuary Movement, in Hudson, who spoke to fellow protesters about his experiences.

"Unfortunately, I’ve had it in this very early part of life and play soccer with a five-year-old as my mother and his older brother went to visit his father’s father inside this building," Mac Cormack said. "That person was my partner’s mother, and that child is her cousin. He was the first victim of the Trump administration’s

"It’s a one-on-one meeting to get the President’s endorsement," she said.

Van de Water is employed by Corvallis, Garfield & Rappeleye in Poulsbo. According to the law firm’s website, Van de Water focuses on litigation, immigration law, tax assessments, traffic law and municipal law. He is also a mayor in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General’s Corps.

Van de Water was appointed a Millbrook Village Trustee by Mayor Rod Brown, the village clerk’s office confirmed. He was sworn in on Dec. 21, 2017 and served through 2018.

Van de Water was born in Rhinebeck and raised in Poulsbo, Washington. He attended Spackenkill High School, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Albany Law School. He lives in Millbrook with his wife and four children.

An active duty member of the U.S. Army since 2006, Van de Water worked as an attorney at the U.S. Military Academy before being deployed to Afghanistan. He received an honorable discharge in 2014.

New York’s 15th Congressional District includes the counties of Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Orange, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster and parts of Broome, Dutchess, Montgomery and Rensselaer counties.