



## Newt's daughter: Dad 'only one' to beat Obama

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Republican presidential candidate and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich thanks supporters at an election night party with his wife Callista in Birmingham, Alabama. (Photo by Win McNamee/Getty Images)

BLOOMINGTON – Recent Illinois polls have Republican presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum in the 30 percent support level, while Newt Gingrich trails at 12 percent.

His daughter, Jackie Gingrich Cushman, told WJBC's Scott Laughlin on Friday that he won't be dropping out of this race anytime soon.

"The reason that dad is not getting out is he does not believe, nor do I, that either Senator Santorum or Governor Romney can beat President Obama. And, his goal in the end is to beat President Obama in the fall, and the only way that he can make sure that happens is to be the nominee," Cushman said.

Gingrich made six stops in Illinois in the past two days. Cushman said her father has the record it takes to be president.

“My father is the only person in the race, including President Barack Obama, who has balanced the budget on a national level. The only person. He did it before, he can do it again,” Cushman said.

The Illinois primary is Tuesday.

To listen to Gingrich Cushman’s interview, click below:

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