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**JIM MARTIN ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY**  
Seeks Public Nomination For Minnesota House

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Last week, Jim Martin announced his candidacy for the district 56A seat in the Minnesota House Of Representatives. Shortly after, Citizens For Jim Martin was organized (CF&PDB reg. no. 17108). As Jim is not seeking nomination by a political party, he can not be placed on the district's ballot in the 2010 general election as a result of the primary. Instead, a petition will be circulated in district 56A between the dates of 18 May and 1 June. The purpose of the petition is to seek permission from Jim's neighbors to place him on the ballot without political affiliation.

"As a lifelong resident of Lake Elmo, I think I would serve our interests quite well," Jim Martin replies when asked why he is running. "During election time, our candidates often tell different groups different things and divert our attention to national subjects just to get votes. I'm sick of hearing about national party politics when the focus should be on our state. After the primary, I intend to publish the actual text of legislation that I think is necessary so my neighbors can see exactly what I plan to do on behalf of our district. This will also allow my neighbors to critique the language and the ideas represented therein." When asked for some insight on what that might be, Jim replied, "For one, I think the compensation of legislators should be ratified by voters. It's not right that they get to set their own salaries and per diem. Also, did you know that an unelected body is taxing us? That's wrong. We are the ones being taxed, so we should at least have an elected representative in on the decision. Ultimately, I think the ones being taxed should decide if they will submit to the demands of their taxing authority."

He concludes, "I think I'm stirring up some very valid discussion. But, politicians don't want to talk about this stuff because my proposals directly attack both the power they have accumulated and their way of life, individually and collectively. So, it'll be a rough campaign and a tough first term because I'm not a politician; I work for a living." Jim's entrepreneurial spirit has driven him in the small businesses of residential home building contracting (DOLI reg. no. 20635072), landscaping, computer programming, and stints in web design.

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