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MARTIN CHALLENGES CANDIDATES  
Platform Cornerstone Released

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This past weekend, something rarely seen was published on the website promoting the campaign of Jim Martin, a candidate for the Minnesota House Of Representatives in district 56A. As promised, Martin is releasing the text of bills he intends to legislate in the Minnesota House. The first text released this weekend attempts to resolve an issue of Martin's platform whereby he suggests that legislators should not be able to effectively set their own compensation. The bill can be found by going to his website, [www.VoteJimMartin.com](http://www.VoteJimMartin.com), and clicking on the "Issues" link at the top.

"It is important for my neighbors to see exactly how I intend to resolve the issues I present," the lifelong resident of Lake Elmo said. In exchange for campaign endorsements and contributions, Martin alleges that candidates support bills drafted by political entities. When the candidate is elected, they legislate that bill in an attempt to change the law. "Legislators are often bought and paid for by special interests when they make an issue part of their platform," Martin advises. "Passing a bill is the only way the law is changed. If a candidate wants to legislate an issue, that means they have a bill they intend to support. I think we voters should know exactly what each candidate plans to do, and that means being provided the text of bills that will resolve the issues presented in their platforms."

Jim Martin, who is running independent of any political party, is drafting bills himself. Running against incumbent Julie Bunn (D) and Kathy Lohmer (R), Martin states, "I present this challenge to every candidate: disclose the bills you intend to legislate, especially for the issues you present in your platform, and make those texts easily and readily accessible. I call upon you to follow in my first footsteps and make public disclosures, just as I now do with my bill relating to accountability and transparency in legislator compensation. If you present no way to change or uphold the law to resolve issues you support, your election to the Legislature is pointless."

On an unrelated note, Jim Martin is expected to appear in the Woodbury Days parade on Sunday 29 August.

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For more information, please visit <http://www.VoteJimMartin.com> or contact Jim Martin directly at (651) 206-8663.