

TOM WALL SAYS, "ONE MORE TIME IF I CAN GET THE HELP AND SUPPORT I NEED"

"SOME MEN SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE, I DREAM THINGS THAT NEVER WE'RE AND SAY WHY NOT." – Ted Kennedy

Tom Wall has announced that he is considering running for Mayor of Ann Arbor in 2012. Before he agrees to run for Mayor for the 3rd and last time he wants to make sure that he has the support and backing to win the 2012 August primary. **"In order to win this time around, I am going to need a great deal of support from the residents of Ann Arbor. I tried to run without the necessary organizational support in 2006 and 2008 and realize I can't do it on my own."** In 2006 Tom garnered just over 20% in the general election running as an independent and in 2008 he received close to a third of the votes in the Democratic Primary.

Here's what Tom envisions accomplishing in his role as Mayor;

- I plan on giving Ann Arbor back to the people.
- If there is a large project in the works where opposition is apparent, then we will ask the voters first before moving ahead.
- Provide open communication and transparency.
- Ann Arbor is not like any other city in Michigan. The University of Michigan keeps our city vibrant. Together we can make Ann Arbor the most exciting city in Michigan
- We should never have to make cuts to our fire and police forces
- We need to manage our money better and practice fiscal responsibility on a daily basis.
- Maintain city streets year around with an emphasis on pot holes and snow removal.

Some of the things he won't do that have happened previously;

- Build a Police/Court House building that we can't afford
- Construct an underground parking structure we don't need.
- Try to push through a convention center over the underground parking facility without getting the approval of the residents of Ann Arbor.
- Lay off police and fire personnel lowering our staff below the recommended number.
- Have a one lane Stadium Bridge that is dangerous for cars to drive over and under.
- Push a train station we just don't need.

Tom was born in Ann Arbor in 1948, and attended Dicken, Slauson and University

High School. He then went on to Eastern Michigan where he received his Masters in Special Education and played football on a scholarship.

Tom has been married to Marie, a Burns Park Elementary teacher prior to her retirement, for 43 years. He has two adult children Brent and Kari and 3 grandchildren. Tom taught Special Education in Willow Run Schools and retired in 2000. He started All Star Driver Education in 1998 and has taught over 7500 Ann Arbor kids how to drive. Many of his Driver Education students know him as Captain Driver Ed. He is also the founder of the T. Wall Foundation, a foundation helping special children and their families in need. Every November, the students at Greenhills are involved in the T. Wall B-Ball, an event pairing up a Greenhills student and a special needs student for a morning of games and activities. Tom also was Camp Director of Camp Al-Gon-Quian and marketed and promoted the University of Michigan Men's Hockey team in Red's first year of coaching. He is an active member of several Ann Arbor civic and professional organizations, giving many hours to his community in volunteer efforts.

Having run for Mayor twice Tom knows the time and commitment that is involved in such an endeavor. Previously, Tom has had a small group of supporters helping him in his campaigns. He has come to the realization that he needs more of an organization to be successful.. He needs your help to return Ann Arbor politics to the people and give them a say in their government.

“This is a grass roots campaign I need a fresh group of Ann Arborites who will come forward to help me win the election.”

Some of the positions he needs filled are:

1. A Campaign manager
2. A Campaign promoter who will do posters, yard signs etc.
3. People to recruit individuals to host campaign neighborhood informational parties and neighborhood captains in all the wards who will work their precincts.
4. A Fundraiser Director familiar with campaign laws
5. A journalist and/or speech writer to put out press releases and help prepare statements and positional papers

If people are unhappy with how the city of Ann Arbor is being run then show your support by contacting me at wall4mayor12@gmail.com.