

# *Howie Lind*

*“Paint the 10<sup>th</sup> Red!”*

**Candidate for 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District GOP Chairman**



Dear Friends,

**Today, I am formally announcing that I will be a candidate for Chairman of the Republican Party for the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The election of your new Chairman will take place on May 22 at the 10<sup>th</sup> District Convention. My goal as your 10<sup>th</sup> District Chairman is simple: *Paint the 10<sup>th</sup> Red!***

In making this decision, I was reminded that each of us has a responsibility as a Virginian and as an American to do our part to preserve and protect what has been handed down to us. In 1980, Ronald Reagan famously asked Americans a question which resonates as much today as it did then: “If not us, who? If not now, when?”

I believe, as I know so many of you do, that history is once again calling us to a great struggle – for the very soul of our nation. Our Virginia and American heritage is under siege. Our traditions and founding ideals are under relentless assault. Today’s cultural and political “elites” seem determined to destroy everything that has made our nation the envy of the world and are putting our national security at risk. They see themselves as a permanent “ruling class,” who view those of us who stand on the Constitutional bedrock of life, liberty and property as radicals. ***When we gather to protest, and petition our Government, we’re called even worse!***

The profound challenge of our time has simply come down to this:

***What kind of America will we have within the next decade?***

Will our great nation be ruled by a constitutionally restrained limited government? Or will we be ruled by nameless bureaucrats and a political ruling class, who “decide” what is best for us both as a society, and individually. The choice is now that stark; the line that clear.

Who will stand on which side of that line is now the only question unanswered.

*In Virginia, we have been blessed with fair winds.* The huge victory of our Republican ticket and my longtime friends, Bob McDonnell, Bill Bolling and Ken Cuccinelli sends a loud message to the other side. But it is only the first political blood drawn, as many more battles loom in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

We must make sure that the Party and its functions are being led by aggressive and dedicated conservatives whose sole determination is to find, field, and support the best candidates possible - candidates who share the views of the voters of the 10<sup>th</sup> District and the Commonwealth. While doing this, we must also bring our Party into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

***You and I must take personal responsibility for our Party, and our future.***

The Republican Party of Virginia is uniquely placed in political history and geography to impact the future of our nation, and *I would be honored to lead the 10<sup>th</sup> as part of that expression.* If I prevail in this contest, these would be my goals for the next two years as the Chairman of the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional GOP:

\* Develop and maintain a GOP “scorecard” on every political jurisdiction in the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. This “scorecard” would list every single elective office holder at every level of government. School Boards. Town, City and County Councils. City and County Treasurers. Board of Supervisors. City and County Attorneys. State Delegates and Senators. We need to challenge every office, defend our current officials, and of course, re-elect our sitting 10<sup>th</sup> District Congressman, Frank Wolf.

\* Develop a team that works with every Unit Chairman and other leaders to scour every inch of the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, recruiting viable candidates. No office should go unchallenged. No Democrat should feel safe. Our goal will be nothing less than painting the 10<sup>th</sup> Red!

\* Transform our Party into a public voice that ***educates*** voters in the critical issues of the day. Many traditional principles that you and I hold deeply, no longer have the same meaning, or definition, in the public dialogue. It simply is not enough anymore that we say we support a specific principle, if we can’t inform voters as to how a concept intersects with their own interest, or how it impacts their life and their family.

\* Make our Party genuinely open to all, and respectful of real debate. A party of ideas, whose collective voice echoes the traditional, yet embraces the functional. A Party that never retreats from foundational Constitutional precepts, and always advances policy that reflects them. Above all, we must be a party that honors the wisdom and common sense

of the average voter in what we say and do. Part of that process will be to renew the strong connections that the Party has traditionally had with core constituency groups. *We can't win elections if our natural base and affinity groups are not engaged in the election process.*

\* Raise money year round, not just in election years. Develop and maintain the funding necessary for effective Party operations every month of every year.

\* Develop various methods and forums for discussing, distributing and educating the voting public on the principles of life, liberty and property, and maintaining a strong national security posture, and how those concepts work themselves out in public policy.

\* Chair 10<sup>th</sup> District Committee meetings and business in a fair, open and equitable manner that would insure every voice is heard.

\* Produce and make available on-line meeting minutes, financial documents, operating budget's and expense issues, so that the every Party member in 10<sup>th</sup> District has full access to their Party's business.

\* Properly and fairly represent the Party membership of the 10<sup>th</sup> District on the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia.

**Dear friend, I need your support.** In my 20 year Navy career, my service in the Bush Administration, and my long service to the 10<sup>th</sup> District in various capacities, including my 2003 State Senate campaign, and my 2008 election as one of your current State Central Committee members, I have learned that the power that we have over our future is limited only by our actions today. Will you join me?

If so, email me and tell me that, yes, you are going to support me for Chairman. Then, ***mark your calendar for May 22, 2010, the date of the 10<sup>th</sup> District Convention to be held at Fauquier High School in Warrenton, Va.*** The primary business of this convention is to elect the new Chairman. You will need to be registered as a delegate with your local GOP committee, and attend the convention in person to vote. My campaign team will provide you with everything you will need to register.

Please pledge your support for me today. Mark your calendar. Of course, any type of election requires funding, and your financial support is essential and encouraged.

**Let's get ready to paint the 10<sup>th</sup> Red!**

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**"The people are the only reliance for the preservation of our Liberty." Thomas Jefferson**