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Today, Planning Commissioner Tom Owings announced that he has filed the necessary paperwork to raise money for his upcoming District Three City Council campaign with the City Clerk's office. Owings stated that in order to best represent his district his highest priority should not be re-election, therefore he has placed a self imposed term limit on his campaign. "If elected, I will only serve a single four-year term. This will insure the voters of District Three that I will act in their best interest and not my own. Additionally, the candidate has imposed a campaign limit on donations. The campaign will accept a maximum donation of \$1000 per individual in the upcoming election cycle. Owings also vowed that he will abstain from any vote involving a contributor who has contributed \$250 or more in the 12 month period preceding the vote. "The public needs to know that their elected officials are not beholdng to special interest," Owings stated.



The campaign announced that Owings will be conducting a Listening/Walking Tour of the district to find out what district residents consider to be the most pressing concerns facing their neighborhoods. "I want make sure that our city government is listening and accountable to the needs of the people who live in District Three," Owings stated. Owings will seek their advice on issues such as:

- What they expect of their Council Member?
- What should the City do to improve the livability of their neighborhood?
- What are the most pressing problems facing their neighborhood?
- How the City is doing on basic city services like police, fire and street maintenance?
- What do they think are the top concerns or problems facing Moreno Valley?
- What issues should the City Council focus on in 2012?
- What should the City Council do about creating new Jobs in Moreno Valley?

"I'm going to take my neighbors' stories and be their voice at City Hall." Owings believes that too often politicians think that what they have to say is what really matters when in fact it's what the community has to say that matters most. He stated that sometimes the community should get an opportunity to do the talking while the Council does the listening.

Tom will be walking the district with Shiloh his 80 pound Golden Retriever. Tom says the Listening Tour accomplishes two things, "Shiloh and I will both get a chance to meet as many neighbors as possible and both of us will lose a few needed pounds in the process."



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