

Paul Clarke for Dublin Bay North

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Independent Announces Candidacy for Dáil Éireann

Dublin, Ireland, May 7, 2015 — On Thursday, Dublin businessman Paul Clarke announced his candidacy for Dublin Bay North as an Independent Dáil Éireann Candidate. "My mission is to provide a forum for the democratic representation of local communities in order to bring people together to debate and prioritize innovative ideas to improve their communities," Clarke stated during his announcement.

A candidate in two previous elections, Clarke finished only 300 votes shy during his 2014 attempt to win the Beaumont/Donaghmede ward on a low-budget, independent campaign. A Pro-Life candidate and advocate for people's involvement in decision-making, Clarke has long been a proponent of "a forum for the democratic representation of local communities." To that end, in 2011 Paul Clarke became a founder of the first pan European organisation for direct democracy called Democracy International created to unite people from all over the world who are fighting for better citizens' participation in lawmaking, known as the European Citizens' Initiative.

"I will provide 10,000 Euros to local clubs, groups and organisations from my yearly salary," Clarke explained. "I am in favor of reforming the Seanad, I am against Water Charges and am campaigning to keep Irish post offices open." In addition, Candidate Clarke supports a more robust national security and will fight to repair Ireland's broken domestic economy.

Paul Clarke encouraged residents to visit his website, www.paulclarke.ie, to learn more about his candidacy, beliefs and vision. In addition, Clarke has asked all supporters to register to vote and contact his campaign directly at info@paulclarke.ie to learn how they can become involved in the campaign. Elections are expected to be held in February 2016.

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