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BUSINESS OWNER AND JOBS CREATOR GOMES ANNOUNCES RUN FOR CONGRESS

Will Take on Peter King, 25 Year Incumbent and Washington DC Insider

Sayville, NY— Tim Gomes, successful Long Island business owner, today announced that he is running for Congress in the 2nd district of New York against 25-year incumbent Peter King. ☐☐ “I started my business when I was just 25 years old, building it from nothing in my garage. It took hard work, working with others to come up with solutions to big problems, getting things done and taking some risks to accomplish something,” said Gomes. “It’s exactly what Congress doesn’t do. They get down to Washington, DC, they get cozy with special interests, stay on their side of the aisle and deliver little to those of us back home.

“I’m not a politician – I don’t really know much about politics. What I do know is business and in business we find solutions. Solutions, not politics. And that’s what I’ll bring to Congress,” continued Gomes.

Gomes started Topaz Lighting Corporation, an electrical manufacturing and distribution business, out of a 3-car garage on Long Island in 1985 and today he employs 225 hard-working people, including 150 on Long Island. He has helped build a supportive business culture where employees are respected, encouraged to innovate, and treated well. ☐

Gomes’ professional success is matched by his commitment to important causes, including protecting our environment. On the National Council of The Environmental Defense Fund’s Corporate Partnerships program, he has shown that businesses can partner with environmentalists to protect the water, air and land that we cherish. Gomes is also a board member of The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, helping to protect our communities by keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of criminals. ☐

“I know a little something about creating good-paying jobs, keeping business afloat even during hard times, how to provide quality health care and a decent retirement to my employees, how to protect our environment and most importantly, our drinking water. It’s what I have done for over 35 years. I want to bring those values to Washington so that we can do even more,” said

Gomes.

The Tim Gomes for Congress campaign also launched an announcement video available at <https://youtu.be/MNEfKCFr0cs> (transcript below) and website, www.timgomesforcongress.com.

Gomes and his wife Sue raised their three children in Sayville, NY.

“Early” □

<https://youtu.be/MNEfKCFr0cs>

Gomes: I’ve owned my own business for over 30 years. There’s always more to do than there are hours to do it all in. But every morning I’m reminded about how important it is to do what we do. □

You know, I start my day when it’s dark. And well, we sell light bulbs. □ I started this business when I was just 25 years old – just a kid really. Building it from nothing in my garage. It took hard work, getting things done, working with others, and taking some risks outside my comfort zone.

It’s exactly what Congress doesn’t do. They get down there, they get the easy special interest money, stay on their side of the aisle, take no risks. Doesn’t feel like they’re working all that hard actually. □

The key to this business? We know how to treat people like family. Our customers, and our employees. And they reward the company with hard work and loyalty. □ There’s so much to do and Congress isn’t getting it done. We need a healthcare solution that works for everyone, that covers pre-existing conditions and keeps premiums affordable. □

We need to keep our economy growing, but smarter, so we don’t have environmental disasters like the Navy Grumman plume and other threats. I know a little something about growing green jobs.

Look, I’m not a politician – I don’t really know much about politics. What I do know is business and in business we find solutions. □

When I’m working with the Environmental Defense Fund it’s to help other businesses adopt green policies. It saves money, creates jobs, AND it helps our planet. I’m a gun owner AND I work with the Brady Center to create commonsense gun policies. □ Solutions. Not politics. □ With Republicans in charge, nothing is getting done. Growing jobs and raising wages, protecting our environment, improving health care and lowering costs – these are things that aren’t getting done and need to.

Let’s get some new blood in Congress and see what kind of bright ideas we can come up with.

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