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I am a proven progressive with a long history of civic involvement in West Hollywood.

I have the experience to tackle the challenges we currently face.

Two years ago, residents voted for a change at City Hall. Unfortunately, that change established a Council majority even less responsive than before.

The City's own polling reflects the highest "wrong track" numbers in the City's history. Council's majority vote to cut Sheriff's deputies during an unprecedented escalation in crime has left residents feeling angry, disappointed and betrayed.

I want to put West Hollywood back on track using plain common sense. I will restore the Sheriff's funding and focus on the pressing issues of public safety and homelessness. I will explore new ways to create affordable housing, protect long-term tenants and provide a safety net through ideas like guaranteed income. I will support workers' rights and good pay while also working with businesses to help them thrive.

Most importantly, I want to make your voices heard and restore your faith in City Hall.

I walked precincts in the grassroots campaign to incorporate West Hollywood. During the AIDS epidemic, I was the president of Stonewall Democratic Club and, later, the West Hollywood Democratic Club. After being a Rent Stabilization Commissioner, I was elected to the City Council.

As a Councilmember, I had a reputation as an independent thinker who listened to residents. Under my leadership, we took control of Santa Monica Boulevard from Cal-Trans and transformed it from a rutted embarrassment into a beautiful throughfare. I was responsible for the creation of the Eastside Re-Development Agency that revitalized the area and built hundreds of units of affordable housing. I helped find funding for Plummer Park Community Center and worked with residents to create Kings Road Park.

Since leaving Council, I have remained active in City affairs. I was on Marriage Equality California's Board of Directors, authored the successful 2013 Term Limits Initiative and served on the Eastside Advisory Task Force. Essentially, I have continued to work alongside my fellow residents on all our shared quality-of-life issues from preserving Plummer Park to fighting over-development and protecting rent stabilized housing.

My campaign is being funded by residents and local businesses, not deep pocketed developers or outside interests.

West Hollywood is a unique and special place. Together we can move toward a better, more inclusive future.

Contact me at Martin4WeHo.com and let's put West Hollywood back on track.