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# Dear Voter,

My name is **Jim McHale** and I am standing as an Independent candidate in the General Election. I am forty-seven years old and was born in London to my father from Castlebar, Co. Mayo and my mother from Fethard, Co. Tipperary. I received a Catholic Grammar school education with a Jesuit ethos. I have been married to a local girl for more than 20 years and our two daughters attend a local secondary school.

Through my voluntary work with **the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**, I am acutely aware of the tremendous financial difficulties being experienced by people and families alike. From 2006 - 2010 I served as **President of Clondalkin Lions Club** and I am also a long-standing member of **the Parish Pastoral Council in Clondalkin Village**. My wife and I are **HSE-approved foster carers**.

As a **former Secretary of the Clondalkin Labour Party** my politics would be slightly left of centre. I understand the importance of entrepreneurship and job creation. I have worked in finance in Dublin, London and Munich and speak French and German. I also attend lessons locally in Irish, Spanish and Arabic. Last year I gained a **Diploma in Drug and Alcohol Studies** from the University of Limerick having previously taken

a **Community Addiction Studies Course** hosted by Clondalkin Drugs Taskforce and I am currently taking **Console's Diploma in Suicide Studies** at NUI Maynooth.

Only €5m per year is spent on suicide prevention while €40m is spent on preventing road deaths even though more people die by suicide. This has to change. We have to give our people, both young and old, a reason to believe in both themselves and our country. We have just had a government in power who rather than helping our next generation to prosper has saddled them with crippling debt. They must be punished at the polls.

I believe the IMF and EU bailout deal must be re-negotiated, the senior bondholders must either take a hit or give us longer to repay them and our rate of Corporation tax must be cut further to attract additional overseas investment.

We need a NAMA for mortgage-holders! Anglo Irish must fall on its sword and AIB and Bank of Ireland should become wholly publicly owned and merged if required.

The recent welfare cuts must be reversed and there should be no more twelve hour shifts in the Public Sector. Eight hour shifts are fairer on everyone and in this way jobs can be saved and created.

Income taxes must be progressive not regressive. The people who benefited most from The Celtic Tiger should contribute the most. Anything else is simply unjust and unfair.

So let's see the very richest in our society pay robust rates of income tax at least until our economy recovers. 87,000 taxpayers

earned between €100,000 - €200,000 in 2010, 800 taxpayers earned more than €1m in 2010 and almost 200 of them earned €2m euro or more. It's time they dipped into their pockets.

Student fees should be based on ability to pay. Those who cannot afford them shouldn't have to pay.

Carers should be properly paid for the outstanding work that they carry out while saving the country a fortune. How can a derisory Carers allowance of just over €200 per week be justified when it costs up to €1,500 per week for your relative to be professionally cared for?

Duty on petrol should be cut to get our economy moving. A price stabilizer should be used to stop the rise in gas and utility bills.

Gas prices have risen by nearly 33% in the past five years. It's simply too much!

Enterprise zones offering new businesses minimal tax rates and incentivised credits must be established to help get our country back on its feet.

Ireland should be a research and development centre of excellence acting as an incubator for new cutting-edge ideas and products as well as focusing on our traditional strengths in industries such as food production, fishing, tourism and horse breeding.



Supermarkets should remain closed on Sundays to give our local, smaller retailers a chance. Our retail sector is crucial as it employs more people than any other sector.

Traditional politicians have failed you because traditional politics have failed you. Elect Independents like me to the Dáil who will challenge the culture of cronyism which has poisoned Irish politics and

who will lead the push for reform and help ensure that scandals such as FÁS never happen again. To reduce homelessness, people in receipt of Rent Allowance should qualify for the R.A.S. scheme after 6 months rather than 18.

The Senate should be slimmed-down sharply in terms of numbers and especially in terms of salaries. It is important that legislation is publicly debated so I believe it should be maintained.

Don't let backbench party politicians speak in your name. Their tongues are tied. Have an Independent voice!

Please give me your No.1 vote on February 25th.

Let me represent **YOU!**

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*Jim McHale*