

We Need Your Vote June 5th In The 9th District Congressional Race.

A Message From D. G. Martin



Dear Friends,
I need your help. I am running for Congress because I believe that the doors of government in Washington need to be open to all people - and kept open. My commitment is not new nor is it based on political expediency. But since many of you may not know me well, I have asked some of my friends to tell you who I am and why you should consider supporting me in this important Congressional race.

I eagerly solicit your support.
Sincerely,

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A Message From Willie J. Stratford, Sr.
Many of my friends and others have asked me why I am supporting D. G. Martin's candidacy for the 9th Congressional District. After giving it some thought, I felt that I should state why he has my full support. Just to reinforce how I feel, I have asked some other friends who also fully support D. G. to explain how they feel. This is my reason: He has been a friend for a long time. His standing is based not on convenience or political alliances but on his solid, long-standing personal commitment to our community.

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The Reverend Larry Hill, Pastor at Catawba Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Moderator of Catawba Presbytery:

"I have known D. G. Martin for almost 15 years, since the time when I was a college student at Johnson C. Smith University. I worked as a youth director at Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church where he and his family are members and have been worshipping in this mostly black congregation every Sunday for more than 15 years. He has been a good friend, I trust him, and when I have a problem, he is there."



Attorney Melvin Watt, Lawyer - Chambers, Ferguson, Watt, Wallas & Adkins, P.A., and campaign manager for Mayor Harvey Gantt:

"I have known D. G. Martin for almost 20 years. We worked together in the state government intern program and were in law school together. We have worked together in politics and on legal matters. He's smart and will make a great representative, and he's also somebody we can count on and trust."



Shirley Farrar, Former Director of Afro-American Cultural Center (AACC):

"D. G. Martin's wife, Harriet, served as a member of the Board of the Afro-American Cultural Center. She was active and showed the commitment of her family to AACC goals. I am proud to be working hard on D. G. Martin's Congressional campaign."



The Reverend Smith Turner, III, Presiding Elder, Charlotte District of the AME Zion Church:

"I have known D. G. Martin a long time. In the early 1970s we worked together with The Reverend Paul Leonard, Clinton Blake, and others to put together a housing project at Clawson Village that would permit low and moderate income people to buy their own homes. It worked. He is someone we can trust. He listens and gives respect to other people's views. I am proud to be his friend."



The Reverend Warren McKissick, Pastor of the Greater Galilee Baptist Church:

"I have known D. G. Martin for more than 30 years, since the time when he was a little boy growing up in North Mecklenburg County. I know him and trust him, and that's why I have asked him to help me in my church when we needed help. He has always been there when we needed him."

Zoel and Esther Hargrave, Retired Postal Executive and School Administrator - Co-Chairpersons of N.C. Legal Defense Funds, Civic, Church, and Fraternity Leaders:

"We worked hard with D. G. Martin for many years in the National Conference of Christians and Jews trying to bring better human relations to Charlotte. He and his family are long-standing good friends. We know him well and believe that he will serve as a Congressman with an open heart and mind."



C. D. Rippey, Retired Professor at Johnson C. Smith University, Church and Civic Leader and former Vice Chairman of Charlotte Civil Service Board:

"I have known D. G. Martin for many years since I helped his church find Johnson C. Smith students to work in their youth program. We also served on the Civil Service Board together. I watched him work hard to be sure that our firemen and policemen got a fair shake. I was proud to serve with him and was proud of him when he was appointed Chairman of the Board. He is the kind of person we need in Congress."



The Reverend Retoy Gaston, Pastor of Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church:

"D. G. Martin is a strong churchman. He has been active in his own church and served as Moderator of the Mecklenburg Presbytery. He has visited our church and taught our Sunday School. He is not just a political opportunist. I know that we can count on him to be a good Congressman. He will keep in touch with us after he is elected just as he has always done."

Alice Diamond, Teacher and Businesswoman:
"I have known this man for more than 10 years. He helped me get into my own business and has been my good friend ever since. He is the kind of person we need representing us in Washington. He understands."



Dot Crockett, Community Leader:
"I have known D. G. and Harriet Martin for many years. Harriet worked with me in a child advocacy program, and I saw firsthand her commitment to children in our community. D. G. Martin shares those concerns and has demonstrated his commitment to our community in many different ways. He will make a great Congressman."

Michael Hill, Sunday School Teacher, Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church:

"Years ago, when I was a teenager in Piedmont Courts, I attended the youth programs at Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church. D. G. Martin and his family were there too. Now I have come back to help with the Sunday School class and D. G. and I have been teaching together. Nobody can question his commitment to the church and to the people of our community."

Thomas Moore, Entertainer and Child Advocate:
"When I came back to Charlotte about 12 years ago, I couldn't find a place to stay. D. G. Martin and his wife, Harriet, and his family made a place for me in their home and I lived with them for many months. I still feel like I am a part of that family and am working hard to get him elected to Congress."



Rachel Hall, Realtor with ERA Rhedrick & Assoc. and member of Human Services Planning Board:

"D. G. Martin's commitment to the hard planning process to allocate limited resources showed his commitment to those in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County in need of help. I would be proud to have someone with that concern and demonstrated interest representing us in Congress."



Bertha Crawford, Co-ordinator, Mecklenburg Volunteer Lawyers Program (providing legal services to poor people):

"When Federal funds for Legal Services were cut back, D. G. Martin was one of those who stepped forward to help organize a program to get lawyers to handle legal problems for poor people. We worked long and hard together to get this good program going and he was one of the first to take cases under the new program. He is the kind of person we need to represent us in Congress."

Howard Barnhill, Retired Clinical Professor at UNC School of Public Health and former Chairman of the Board of Managers of McCrory Branch YMCA:

"I have known D. G. Martin for almost 15 years. When I became Chairman of the McCrory Branch YMCA, it had never had a white Board member. I thought we ought to change that - and after many inquiries, I decided to recommend D. G. Martin for selection in that capacity. He served with distinction and became my good friend as we worked together to preserve and develop our YMCA."



Richard Campbell, Youth Worker, Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church, Former Teacher, Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System:

"I have known D. G. Martin for more than seven years. He has supported my work with the youth in the Piedmont Courts community and has shown an active interest in their problems. I would be proud to have him as a Congressman."

Mary Davis, Retail Employee and Homemaker:
"I was a teenager at Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church in the late '60s and early '70s. D. G. Martin and the other adults at that Church helped keep me on the track. He has been a friend a long time and that's why I'm working hard to get him elected to Congress."



A Final Message

I am proud that so many people from the black community are working hard and taking leadership roles in this important campaign. We're working hard together - and that will continue when I'm in Washington. I will need black people in leadership positions on my staff, if I am going to continue to be sensitive to the concerns of all the citizens of this district.

Please give me your help and support. I would be proud to have you be a part of this effort.

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- D. G. Martin**
- Elder at Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church and Sunday School Teacher for 15 years
 - Former Moderator of Mecklenburg Presbytery
 - Board of Visitors, N. C. Central Law School
 - Former Member Board of Managers of McCrory Branch YMCA
 - Former Co-Chairman of Board of National Conference of Christians and Jews