



Matt Burden Kicks Off Campaign for State Representative by Meeting with the Residents of the 41st District at Local Train Station

La Grange Park, IL – Military veteran and business leader Matt Burden officially kicked off his campaign for State Representative of the 41st District this morning by meeting with commuters at the Lombard train station.

“From day one I want everyone in the District to know that I’m here to serve them and it starts by listening to their concerns, issues, and opinions. That’s why I’m officially launching my campaign here at the Lombard train station,” said Burden. “I will continue to walk door-to-door, frequent the train stations and coffee shops, and meet with business and community leaders, school administrators, and service organizations like the VFW and American Legion until the polls close at 7 p.m. on February 2nd in order to ensure I best represent the critical needs of our district in Springfield.”

Burden, who travelled to Springfield on October 26th and was the first candidate to file for the State Representative office being vacated by retiring Representative Bob Biggins, believes we must create and retain jobs, lower taxes, implement fiscal discipline, and restore honor and integrity to public service.

“Illinois doesn’t have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. For too long the hard-working men and women of the 41st District have seen their financial resources evaporate because of the tax and spend mentality that permeates the State House. That will change if I’m elected State Representative,” said Burden, who holds an MBA from the University of Illinois. “I promise to rely on my business experience and knowledge to bring fiscal discipline to state government and require us to live within our means by passing balanced budgets.”

Along with holding the line on taxes and spending, one of Burden’s other top priorities is creating and retaining high-quality jobs in our state and in the 41st District.

“While our hard-earned tax dollars are stretched thinner by the current economic crisis, our Governor tried to increase our taxes by 50%. There’s no common sense thinking in Springfield,” said Burden. “We must support business development and create incentives for business, small and large, to remain or relocate to Illinois. As State Representative, I will work day and night to implement a meaningful financial and economic recovery plan that puts people back to work and keeps good paying jobs in the Western Suburbs.”

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Burden believes in order to improve the quality of life in the 41st District the State Legislature must also address education, health care reform, transportation, and community safety. Lawmakers must also pass ethics and campaign finance reform to clean up our government.

“Whether I’m talking to my neighbor or visiting Walter Reed Medical Center, everyone asks me what’s wrong with Illinois politics?” said Burden. “It’s no secret that we are embarrassed by the continued scandals and corruption that plague the Governor’s mansion, state and county governments, and city halls across this great state. Our elected officials have failed us. We must restore honor, integrity, trust and valor back into our state government.

“For more than 20 years I’ve served my country and my community with those very principles. I’m running for State Representative so the honest and decent men and women of the 41st District can look their children and grandchildren in the eye and proudly say to them ‘those days are over and we’re honored to have Matt Burden representing us.’”

About Matt Burden

Matt Burden, along with his wife Jennifer and their two children live in LaGrange Park. Matt is a Senior Director at the Shedd Aquarium and Jennifer is a teacher and curriculum coordinator. Matt and Jennifer are active in the community and they attend the First Congregational Church in Western Springs.

Matt enlisted in the U.S. Army at 17 and served our country in Airborne, Cavalry, Special Forces, and Intelligence units. Having served as a sergeant before being commissioned as an officer, Matt would ultimately rise to the rank of Major. Matt currently serves as the Chairman of the Warrior Legacy Foundation and serves on the Board of Soldier’s Angels. In 2006, Matt authored the Blog of War (Simon and Schuster), and has served as a military consultant to both Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

Matt holds an MBA from the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), a Masters of Science from the University of Chicago, and a Bachelors degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago.

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