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## **SCOTT MARTIN FILES FOR RE-ELECTION TO HOUSE DISTRICT 46 LEGISLATIVE SEAT**

First-term lawmaker Scott Martin is running for re-election to continue representing the voters of House District 46 in the Oklahoma legislature. Martin filed his declaration of candidacy Monday morning, the opening day of candidate filing, at the State Capitol.

In his official announcement Martin said, "My two years in the Oklahoma House have been marked by common sense conservative leadership, with an eye towards modern and needed reform." He noted that the bulk of his time has been focused on the key function of state government – transportation, education, public safety and health care.

Martin had the distinction as a freshman legislator of serving on the House leadership team as Assistant Majority Whip. He serves as Vice-Chair of the General Government and Transportation Committee and is a committee member on Human Services. He is also a member of two subcommittees – Energy, and Arts and Culture.

Martin said he believes he has been a strong, conservative voice at the State Capitol when dealing with the many important issues facing Oklahoma – education, healthcare, transportation, immigration, taxation, government modernization and reform. "I am committed to dealing with the tough issues and finding real solutions rather than just posturing with political rhetoric during election years," he said. "People are looking for legislators who want to do the "right thing" not just the politically popular thing. I believe my record over the past two years reflects my belief that the future of our state is too important to risk on petty politics and partisan bickering," Martin added.

A staunch advocate of legislation to protect innocent life, Martin supported several major pieces of pro-life legislation. He also supported the most comprehensive immigration bill passed by the legislature in 2007.

In his first term, Martin authored legislation to fund local road construction and maintenance by capturing currently lost road user fees. He supported the bond package to fund ODOT's eight year plan which contains over \$100 million to be spent in District 46. He also supported the removal of the transportation funding trigger and cap.

An effective champion on education issues, Martin authored a tuition waiver bill for GED students as well as supported successful legislation to provide needed funding to shore up the teacher retirement system. A supporter of the bond package to fund Endowed Chairs, Martin also supported the largest appropriation in state history for common education.

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Martin authored a bill to provide a child care tax credit as well as a health care bill to look at the merits of electronic records. He also supported the yearly funding of DOC to eliminate supplemental budgets.

Martin served as vice chair of an interim study that looked at ways to modernize state government. He authored legislation to create enterprise agencies that deregulates state agency purchasing, thereby creating savings and enabling more efficiencies. He also authored legislation to bring equity and fairness to the Public Employees Relations Board.

Serving again as Martin's campaign chairman is Norman businessman and former OU football standout Tim Lashar: "Two years ago, I was more actively involved with Scott Martin's campaign than anyone I have ever known for one reason, trust. At that time I knew Scott professionally, socially and as an active church member. Today, I also know him as a state legislator and I am proud of the work he has accomplished in his first term in office. I have found that regardless of his environment, his actions are consistent with his words. Scott is a fine State Representative for the people of District 46. He is a man who serves with passion, character and enthusiasm. I believe the voters in Scott's district will send him back to the Capitol to continue to be their voice in the Legislature by making our state a stronger, better place to live and raise a family."

Born and raised in Tulsa, he came to Norman in 1991 to attend the University of Oklahoma. Martin was very active on campus, serving as Student Body President his senior year. After graduating in 1995 with a Political Science degree, he went to work for the City of Noble as their Projects Director and later as Public Works Director until 1999.

From 1999 to 2006, Martin worked for the City of Norman as the Assistant to the City Manager. While working for the City of Norman, Martin also was on the board of the Norman Society of International Affairs and various other community organizations like the Downtowners Association, Campus Corner Merchants Association and Envisioners. In 2002, Martin was one of a select group of rising young leaders chosen to attend the National Security Seminar held annually at the U.S. Army War College in Pennsylvania.

*OKC Business* named Martin one of their "Forty under 40" in October, 2007. The award is given to young leaders who "excel professionally and give back to their community." A year earlier, Martin was selected for the COMMSTAR program designed to develop a strong working relationship between area community leaders and military leaders at Tinker Air Force Base.

Martin has served on the Chamber of Commerce Board as Vice President of Community Development and as the Chairman of the Sooner District for the Boy Scouts of America. He has also served on the United Way Board and has co-chaired the Public Service Division and Pacesetters for past United Way Campaigns and chaired the Allocations Committee. Martin is also a former Board President of the American Heart Association.

He has twice co-chaired Tomorrow's Leaders and served as Leadership Development Co-Chair for the Norman Chamber of Commerce's three leadership programs. An Eagle Scout, Martin continues active participation in the Boys Scouts of America. He is also a past president and current member of the Norman Business Association.

Martin is a graduate of Leadership Norman class of 2000, and a member of the three chambers of commerce in his district – Norman, Noble and Newcastle. A lifelong Republican, Martin is currently a Cleveland County Republican precinct chairman. He is also a member of the National Rifle Association and the OU Alumni Association.

Martin, 36, is married to the former Angela Berglan of Norman and they have one son, Luke Charles. They reside at 2916 Stonebridge Court in Norman. They are active members of Bethel Baptist Church where he teaches Sunday School and serves as a deacon.

Martin's campaign website is [www.electscottmartin.com](http://www.electscottmartin.com).

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