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**REP. MARTIN J. WALSH ANNOUNCES MAYORAL BID
MAY 4 CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF WILL LAUNCH CITY-WIDE GRASSROOTS EFFORT**

(Dorchester, Mass. -- April 10, 2013) Rep. Martin J. Walsh formally announced today that he is running for Mayor of Boston. "I love this city - its people, its institutions, its traditions and its innovations - and want to do all I can to see it continue to thrive. Boston is a diverse and welcoming center of creativity, where people are valued and possibilities are realized. The future of Boston depends on the education of our children, the strengthening of our working families, the protection of our vulnerable, and the growth of our businesses. I am running for Mayor because I have the skills, record and passion to do the job. I want to move our schools forward, create good jobs for local residents, and create an environment where families can prosper and businesses can grow."

Walsh opened up a campaign account this week and has over \$200,000 in the bank. In the few days since he opened this account, Walsh has captured commitments for an additional \$400,000 towards his campaign.

Walsh, a lifelong resident of Dorchester, has represented the 13th Suffolk District in Dorchester since 1997. In the Massachusetts House, he has been a steadfast voice for civil rights, working families, youth, seniors, and addiction and recovery services. He is the son of Irish immigrants, and attended St. Margaret's in Dorchester and Newman Prep. He graduated from Boston College in 2009, working his way through college at night while serving the the state legislature.

He currently holds a leadership position in the House as the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, and he is the Co-chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party Labor Caucus. He serves as a Board Member for local organizations such as the Dorchester Boys and Girls Club, The Gavin Foundation, the University of Massachusetts Labor Caucus, Friends for Children, Project D.E.E.P., and the Neighborhood House Charter School. In the past, Rep. Walsh has been President of the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association, Dorchester Allied Neighborhood Association, and the Savin Hill Baseball League. Walsh has also been the Business Manager of the Boston Building Trades, a position which he is resigning effective Friday, April 12, 2013 to pursue the mayoral bid. He is a member of the Laborers Local 223.

Walsh will kick off his campaign on Saturday, May 4 at 10 am with a rally at a Dorchester location to be announced. Said Walsh, "We plan to gather hundreds of supporters, neighbors and friends, and begin a grassroots neighbor-to-neighbor campaign that will take us to all corners of the city. I will be a Mayor for all of Boston, and I look forward to meeting with voters and taking that message out there."