

## **Statement from Ron Liepert**

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Ten days ago a concerned group of community members launched a campaign featuring a few road signs and a website “timetodobetter.ca.” The initiative was designed to re-engage federal Conservatives in the city’s west and northwest that will form the new Signal Hill riding in the next election. This initiative was led by Conservative party members who are strong supporters of the Conservative cause and Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The website registered over 3000 visitors and over 500 email sign-ups within just over a week signalling early and overwhelming support for democracy and open nominations. As a result Conservatives from throughout the Calgary Signal Hill riding became excited again.

I was proud to be a member of the group and overwhelmed by the response our campaign generated. So now it is time to take the next step. Today I am announcing that I will put my name forward as a candidate for the federal Conservative nomination in Calgary Signal Hill when it is called this year.

I have been overwhelmed by the number of constituents who have contacted me with encouragement to run. For that I am deeply humbled.

I had the privilege of serving many of the same constituents for two terms as a provincial Progressive Conservative MLA from 2004 until 2012. One of my greatest learnings as a member of the PC caucus was how to be a team player.

I look forward to an opportunity to participate as part of the Harper team in the 2015 general election. The Prime Minister has successfully led our country through some of the most challenging economic times with fiscal policies that have kept Canada’s economy strong. He has guided the country with moderate social policies that have been accepted by the majority of Canadians. That is the kind of leader I wish to serve.

I recognize unseating an incumbent is never easy. An incumbent, especially one that has served for almost 17 years, has access to many resources that our team does not. Therefore I am announcing my candidacy today so our team has time to present an alternative view to those residents of Calgary Signal Hill who are now ready to get re-engaged in the political process.

We had tremendous response to our initiative last week. They have all said that in Signal Hill we deserve better. We have a new riding, it is a new beginning and now it is time for a new Member of Parliament.

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