

Shot Heard Around the World?

The election in the 11th is the most unusual and important election in the country because it has the essential elements to serve as a true referendum on what voters really expect from their government and their elected representatives. It is not a standard election where voters are faced with a choice of the lesser of the two evils. It is an election with an option to vote against financial influence in government and for better representation.

The election is unique because never before have a group of voters been so disappointed with the both political parties and their candidates, incumbency is a negative, all campaign money is being used for negative advertising and 70% of the voters cannot relate to either of the major candidates. But more importantly in the 11th, the negative advertising is being played around the unfunded candidacy of a qualified “Not for Sale” independent with a sincere interest in restoring good governance and trust in the government.

Voters know that money influences their Representatives and the respective political parties and that the implied solicitation and acceptance of money causes disenfranchisement. Disenfranchisement is an aspect that is always present in campaigns, but never discussed in campaigning. The contrast in the 11th between the status quo and the “Not for Sale” ballot candidate trying to reintroduce the original standard of representation could not be more apparent.

The challenge for the voters is to see through the propaganda.

A voter statement against the financial corruption of their government would be a “Shot heard around the world.”