

# PETITION MISSION:

Local Elections 2009

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"They don't listen at home, so I took it to Europe"

Here I am in Brussels on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009, addressing EU Commissioners and MEP's at the European Parliaments Committee on Petitions.

Earlier in the year, I had called on the Regeneration Agencies to sponsor a clean-up of all areas under their remit, but it fell on deaf ears.

I led a delegation of residents from regeneration areas. My mission was to have the issue of illegal dumping and anti-social behaviour re-investigated in the context of the city-wide regeneration project. I was given 5-minutes to make my appeal.

I pointed out that the Public Health Inspector reports were ignored by our Council and the Southside Regeneration Agency. The EU bore witness to the third-world conditions that decent law-abiding residents have to endure as MEP's and Commissioners were shown recent photographs of illegal dumping displayed on a 10ft screen.

**I succeeded.** A delegation of EU Commissioners and MEP's will visit all of Limericks regeneration areas in the near future. Shortly after I returned with news of my success I learned that the Regeneration Agencies are now to give Limerick City Council €500,000 to sponsor a clean up of areas targeted for regeneration.

My thanks to Munster MEP, Kathy Sinnott, for her support. I urge you to give Kathy your No. 1 vote in the European elections.

I will continue to call for crucial resources, such as a dedicated Garda service (promised – but never implemented) and the hiring of security personnel to monitor CCTV cameras, so that such activities do not continue to go unchallenged in the future. Presently, CCTV cameras in the Southside are not monitored at all !!!

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## An Independent Voice For Your Community



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# *Cathal McCarthy*

Independent Community Candidate

# SOME ISSUES OF CONCERN TO ME

Dear Voter,

We live in a country that has more private golf courses than children's playgrounds; this is a reflection of the society that was created during the 'boom' years.

The so-called 'Celtic Tiger' was a wild animal that inspired a culture of greed, which has permeated every level of society.

Those who engage in serious criminal and anti-social behaviour are at the bottom. At the top, we have: politicians, greedy developers, speculators and bankers, all engaged in anti-Community and anti-Family behaviour. They have enslaved young couples and Families into paying for houses that were overvalued and require two wages to cover the mortgage.

Our City's reputation has been continuously damaged by 'watershed' after 'watershed' and on top of all our problems we now have to contend with job losses of an unprecedented scale.

Our Council is corrupt; it is under resourced and failing to serve the needs of our Communities. It is being micro-managed by central government and our Councillors are not speaking out, especially when it comes to regeneration and the developer's agenda it promotes. We need to strengthen our Communities if we are to survive the global economic depression.

There will be many promises made during this election. If I were to promise you that once elected I could rid the city of crime, bring economic stability and that we'd all live happily ever after, I would be lying. Change does not come easy; it takes hard work and commitment.

I can promise you to work hard and commit myself full-time to making your voice heard in Limerick City Council. I have not been, and I will not be silent.

This year is the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Limerick Soviet, when the people of Limerick challenged the might of an Empire and ran this City for the common good. Ninety years on, and it is time to make our voices heard again. Think long and hard about who you are going to vote for – you can change this City for the better. You have the power. I'm calling on you to take to the polling station and vote!

Together, we can work to **take back this City** for Communities, Families and law-abiding Residents.

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There are many issues of concern to me. For a more complete list of my achievements and campaign issues visit [www.CathalMcCarthy.ie](http://www.CathalMcCarthy.ie), or contact me on 087 29 29 676 if you would like to help with my campaign.

- **Regeneration:** This City is the sum of all its parts and the regeneration of our troubled estates should not be done to the detriment of our more settled areas and county suburbs. Displacing people is not a realistic solution. We need to tackle the problems head on.

Presently, regeneration is not being done for the benefit of the law-abiding residents. Far from restoring "*confidence and stability*", these areas have deteriorated drastically in the past year-and-a-half. The extra Gardaí that have come to Limerick are not being deployed as recommended. I have recently established *Limerick Regeneration Watch* to monitor progress. For further information visit: [www.LimerickRegeneration.org](http://www.LimerickRegeneration.org)

- **Drugs Crisis:** There is a serious drugs crisis in our city that is not being properly addressed. This is not just "*a matter for the Gardaí*"; it is a social problem that needs urgent intervention. Much of our 'petty' crime is drug fuelled yet there is no detox centre in Limerick. The ongoing alienation of sections of our youth has also led to an alarming increase in suicides.

I will be actively supporting Fr. Joe Young's initiative to help addicts leave their environment and get free detox & rehabilitation with the *Cenacló Community* For more information visit: [www.CathalMcCarthy.ie](http://www.CathalMcCarthy.ie)

- **Waste Management:** I will promote a new approach to waste-management that pays people to re-cycle. Such systems are commonplace throughout Europe. People are encouraged to re-cycle by getting paid for their efforts.

- **Bin Waiver Scheme:** I will work for Freedom of choice in the Bin Waiver Scheme. At the moment, one company holds a monopoly on bin waivers.

## What are your issues? I can help you raise them.

**ABOUT ME:** I am a 39 year-old self-employed father of two. I live with my Family in 5 Weston Gardens, Rosbrien. As an Independent Community Activist, I have been dealing directly with Council officials for years and I have an intimate knowledge of the workings of local government. As a Councillor my priority committee's would be: Policing, Housing, Social Inclusion and Roads.

**MY PROMISE TO YOU:** I will be an Independent voice for your Community. I do not serve a party or any other vested interests. I will put you and your Community first.

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