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Dear Voter,

I am introducing myself to you as a Candidate in the forthcoming General Election for the Constituency of Galway East. I live at Kilcloghans on the Milltown Road outside Tuam Town. I have lived at this location for the past 26 years with my wife Sally. We have four adult children Deirdre, Liam, Cathal, Siobhan and daughter-in-law Rachel.

Tom McHugh



on your side

I was elected to Galway Council in June 1999. Since then my priorities have been:

- Provision of childcare facilities.
- Care of the elderly and the disabled in providing grant aid towards essential accommodation and repairs.
- Affordable housing for first time buyers.
- Upgrading of existing and the provision of new infrastructure

Since being elected to Galway County Council I have been available to my Constituents at all times in relation to their needs and queries.

POLICY AIMS

My priorities as a public representative are:

- Health
- Education and Training
- Childcare
- Cost of Living
- Housing
- Law&Order
- Energy and Land Use

HEALTH

Despite an increased level of funding our Health service is in chaos. Accident & Emergency Units are unable to cope.

Waiting lists are far too long. A Community Hospital for Tuam is essential. The whole system is bogged down in unnecessary bureaucracy.





on your side

CHILD CARE

As a provider of childcare facilities within housing developments I will lobby for grant aid and Tax Relief for young parents and press for the reduction of excise duties on essential items.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

I believe that all young people should have access to education, training and career guidance so that particular interests and abilities are catered for.

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MY AIMS ARE:

- Provision of new roads and road improvements;
- To provide the re-opening of the Western Rail Corridor;
- Extension of the Broadband System;
- Enhancement of water supply, sewerage and waste water treatment facilities within our towns and villages;

HOUSING

I will endeavour to ensure a greater supply of affordable housing for first time buyers and for people who have become home owners within the past five years, I will demand a refund of Vat on a tiered basis.

AGRICULTURE/ENERGY

I will support strategies, which promote markets for agricultural produce especially dairy and meat supplies.

Alternative energy sources need to be researched and developed. Our over dependency on fossil fuels particularly oil cannot continue indefinitely. The production of alternative energy must be vigorously pursued immediately.

LAW & ORDER

The scale of law and order offences and crime are of great concern to me. My first priority is to provide extra Gardaí on the streets to ensure greater security within our communities and also put measures in place to deal with the carnage on our roads.



on your side

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

For the past 37 years I have worked in the construction industry.

I started as an apprentice Carpenter in 1969 with James Farragher & Co Tuam. I am currently Managing Director of Tom McHugh (Kilcloghans) Limited.

We employ approximately 70 people.

OTHER BUSINESS INTERESTS

I am proprietor of Tom McHugh Grocer & General Merchants at Kiltevena, Dunmore. This has been a family business since the early 1900's.

Since I purchased this property in 1998, I have rebuilt this entire premises on an extended site. It now entails a new Grocery, Hardware Shop and also a Timber Frame Manufacturing Unit. This is in keeping with my firm commitment to Rural Development.

