



Susan Pace Hamill Announces Candidacy for State House District 63

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I made a decision some time ago that my life would be devoted to advocacy. I became a lawyer, and during the early period of my career much of my advocacy had to do with changing the way businesses do business in America. My early research and writings on limited liability corporate structures helped establish a new class of company that gave small businesses many of the protections only enjoyed by larger corporations at that time.

But as I matured as a lawyer and as a person, I made the conscious decision to shift the focus of my advocacy. I became convinced that all public policy, and particularly tax policy, should be guided by certain ethical and moral concepts. In furtherance of this more mature insight, I even took the time to attend a leading conservative seminary and earned a degree in theology. As you can see, when I decide to make a shift in direction I tend to go all out.

In light of my past, it should be no surprise to anyone that I have now decided to take my dedication to advocacy to what I consider to be a higher level. For some years now, I have written and lectured publicly about the need to reform Alabama's constitution and the need to make the state's tax policy fairer to the vast majority of its citizens. But it is somehow disingenuous to tell others they need to change things if you are not willing to roll up your sleeves and help make the changes happen.

Today, I am officially announcing that I am rolling up my sleeves. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for District 63 of the Alabama House of Representatives.

I know this announcement, the campaign, and, hopefully, my subsequent election will impose a burden on some, my family in particular. (introduce) I want to thank my family for their love, their devotion and their willingness to share in many of the quests I have pursued. I know my candidacy will be different from other candidacies because so much of my life and my beliefs are spread on the public record in the form academic articles, court filings, and newspaper records. I know that many of the special interests that have attacked me personally in the past for my positions will use this campaign as an opportunity to seek revenge. I am ready to pay that price.

Most politicians view transparency as a tactical disadvantage. Most politicians want the option of being able to say whatever they believe the audience before them at the moment wants to hear. I do not have either that option or inclination. My life and my beliefs are an open book, so to speak, and I am willing to stand on those beliefs.

I believe government must serve the weak equally as well as it serves the strong.

**I believe tax policy should be written not by those with the most lobbyists,
but by those with the greatest commitment to equity and fairness.**

**I believe the quality of the public education we provide our children should not be
determined by their address, their race, or the circumstances of their family.**

**I believe the process through which government makes all policy should be
premised on central moral and ethical standards.**

These beliefs are central to my dedication to advocacy and they will be central to my service in the State House of Representatives.

Thank you.