

## **JANIS IRWIN LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR EDMONTON-HIGHLANDS-NORWOOD NDP NOMINATION**

**Says strengthening public education and speaking up for local community needs are her priorities in seeking the Alberta New Democratic Party nomination**

Edmonton - This evening at the Bellevue Community Hall, well-known community advocate Janis Irwin announced to a packed room full of supporters her intentions to seek the Alberta NDP nomination in Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood.

"From Ray Martin to Pam Barrett to Brian Mason, the NDP has a long history of strong representatives in the Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood area", said nomination contestant Janis Irwin. "They have modelled what it means to be an effective elected official, one that's principled, passionate, and hard-working. I believe that I can build on their good work."

As a proven leader in the educational community, with experience as a teacher, vice principal, university lecturer, civil servant, and with a masters degree in educational leadership, Irwin reaffirmed her commitment to working towards stronger and more inclusive public education if elected.

"My background in education reminds me of the young people of this province and how important it is that we re-elect a government that will continue to invest in education and ensure that students are safe and supported", said Irwin.

As a committed local volunteer and long-time resident of Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Irwin is running to ensuring the priorities of the neighbourhoods that make up the constituency are heard and that their needs are met.

"I got involved in politics because I believe that each member of our community deserves basic rights. No one should go without food, shelter, and the chance to live a dignified life. Yet there are neighbourhoods in Edmonton-Highlands Norwood with some of the highest levels of child poverty in Canada", said Irwin. "I want to be chosen to be a part of Rachel Notley's team of candidates so that I can work to ensure that we can continue making investments in our communities, in our health care system, in our education system, in child care, and in the everyday services that reduce inequality and matter to all of us living here in Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood."

A nomination meeting date for the Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood NDP has been scheduled for the evening of October 23, 2018. More information on the campaign, as well as a full bio, can be found at [www.janisirwin.ca](http://www.janisirwin.ca).

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