Dear Chairman Sam Thompson and Chairman John Bennett,

Thank you for your support and guidance during the last few weeks while I was exploring to run for US Congress from NJ CD6. After talking to my family, all my friends, supporters and well wishers and carefully considering various factors, I have decided to withdraw my intention to seek the GOP nomination for US Congress from NJ CD6 at the County Convention this Saturday, March 22<sup>rd</sup>. I appreciate your time and efforts during my exploration journey to US Congress.

I made this decision in the best interest of the GOP so that the party can put up a unified fight against the incumbent by rallying behind one candidate. Looking at the big picture and being a responsible leader, I feel the party's time and energy should be spent on the main election to win this race rather than diluting it on a primary which may divide the party.

With everyone's support, we can bring simple solutions to complex problems our nation is facing today. I wanted to address the following three issues that are very important to the NJ  $6^{th}$  Congressional District and the nation as top priority.

Together, we will continue to fight for these issues and for the principles we believe in. I am here to serve and committed to bring my experience and background to strengthen the GOP at the state and national level.

## Health | Education | Economy



HEALTH CARE: Fix the healthcare system to deliver affordable and quality care with active collaboration from patients, physicians and the employers.
EDUCATION: Improve the education system so that it is more effective, yet affordable, to enable our kids to compete in today's global economy.
ECONOMY: Promote free enterprise policies that will encourage entrepreneurship to create wealth, to create employment and to drive the economy.
TAXES: Lower taxes on hardworking middle-class families and small business owners to transfer

power to the people. DEBT: Control government's run-away spending to reduce the national debt and avoid burdening

future generations.

I am fiscally and socially conservative with strong family values. I believe everyone should have access to quality affordable healthcare, education and an economic environment to earn their living respectfully through business or good paying jobs rather than depending on government social programs. I am not a career politician. I am a successful businessman. I want to serve the community and I want to see everyone succeed.

I want to clarify my support to Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula during his 2012 Congressional race from NJ CD7. He is a very close long-time friend of mine. I decided to support him purely on a personal level, not because of his Party affiliation. I want to stand corrected on this so that people do not have any misunderstanding on my belief in Republican principles.

As mentioned before, I am fiscally conservative, believe in empowerment not entitlement, and believe in teaching people how to fish rather than giving them a fish every day. All my philanthropic and community service work through Financial Policy Council, Lead India 2020 and VT Seva, focuses on these principles to empower people. I live by these principles every day.

I sincerely appreciate and thank my family, all my friends, supporters and well wishers who stood by me during this exploration journey to US Congress. Let's keep in touch and work together to strengthen the GOP.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Hari Eppanapally Cell: 973-454-3394

## About Hari Eppanapally and the American Dream

Hari Eppanapally is an entrepreneur, IT professional and a passionate philanthropist. Hari is a successful executive with over 25 years of global experience in the technology and financial services industry. His life is an inspiring story of an immigrant with modest upbringing who was able to achieve financial success and make a social impact through hard work and dedication. Hari came to the United States as a student in mid 80's when Reagan was the president with a loan to pay for the flight in pursuit of Liberty and Prosperity. His journey has shaped his unbending principles and reinforced his beliefs in free-enterprise, entrepreneurship, personal responsibility, and family values.

Hari received his B. Tech in Mechanical Engineering from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad, India, and M.S. in Computer and Information Science from New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, New Jersey.



Hari is married to Shanti Sree, who is a Physician. They have two children, a daughter, Pooja, a junior at NYU Stern School of Business and a son Vamshi, a freshman at Livingston High School.

## Philanthropy and Community Service

Hari's passion to serve led him to establish and support various projects and organizations to serve the community and provide a platform to give back to society. He is also passionate about enabling and encouraging youth to actively participate in the political process to ensure the selection and election of the right leaders.

- Financial Policy Council (FPC): Founding Board Member and Vice-President of the FPC, a policy think tank with a mission to formulate and promote sound fiscal policies based on the principles of free enterprise and wealth creation.
- Lead India 2020: Founding President of Lead India 2020 Foundation's US Chapter aimed to educate, empower and transform youth as change agents and responsible citizens.
- Volunteering Together for Service (VT Seva): Was Founding President of VT Seva organization, which engages youth in community outreach activities, including disaster relief and promoting health and education.

Hari also funded several initiatives including rebuilding the public high school at which he studied, now named after him as 'Harikishan Eppanapally High School." He also funded building a high school for 500 underprivileged tribal children in rural India and built a community center for education and youth empowerment.