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Joe Ryan

Anger Over Sales Tax Hike ...

When Democratic hopeful Mark Walker started canvassing his northwest Cook County district months ago, he was sure to do two things at almost every door: introduce himself and **ask residents to sign a petition against Todd Stroger's sales tax hike**.

"Stroger has become the symbol of bad government," said Walker, who added that countless residents would go after him by name. **"He has become a real lightning rod."**

About five weeks before Election Day **Walker** took those anti-tax petitions he circulated - about 1,300 signatures - **and mailed them to Stroger asking him to repeal the tax hike given the ongoing economic crisis**.

But that didn't lower the sales tax and it also didn't stop Republicans from painting him with a Stroger brush. In a GOP mailer sent across the district, Walker's picture is featured next to those of Stroger and Blagojevich. They are surrounded by newspaper headlines about the sales tax hike.

"My strongest attribute is that I've talked to so many people and knocked on so many doors," Walker says.

The Daily Herald Confirms: Mark Walker is **OPPOSED to Todd Stroger and is Committed to Lower Taxes & More Jobs.**

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