

Mayor

Sal F. Albanese (D)

My name is Sal Albanese, and I'm the only person in this race who has a record of independence. I'm not a career politician. I am not taking money from developers and lobbyists, and I'm committed to putting the people in charge of City Hall. Let me tell you a bit about my background. I came here as an immigrant when I was eight years old. I grew up in a working class neighborhood in Brooklyn, where my mother raised me and my sisters on a garment worker's salary. The public schools, the libraries, and the sports programs that the city provided helped elevate my family from the working class to the middle class. I'm running for Mayor because I want future generations to have the same opportunities that I had. But I'm worried that our political system is letting them slip away. With your help, I think we can change that. We have a choice in this election. On the one hand, we can select from a group of professional politicians who spend more time at cocktail parties than listening to their constituents. Or, we can choose a clean break. We can elect a Mayor who has a record of independence, who has raised the wages of workers, and who has taught in our classrooms. I spent 11 years as a public school teacher, so I understand education from the ground up. I spent 15 years as a reformer on the City Council, where I authored the city's first living wage law, impacting 70,000 workers and putting \$3 billion in their pockets. We have a lot of work to do to make this city a more affordable place. We have to fix our schools. We have to tackle poverty and income inequality. We have to create jobs that actually pay the bills. But to accomplish any of this, we need a government that works for its citizens and a Mayor that has political courage. Right now, we have an out-of-touch political class. My opponents are part of the problem. They are playing it safe instead of offering new ideas. And if they get elected, they will be indebted to every lobbyist in town. I want to be a different kind of Mayor. I want to make decisions on the merits. I want to tell the truth, even when it's politically risky. I want to give regular New Yorkers a voice in City Hall. That is why I need your help and your votes. Together, we can build a better New York!

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