

Mayor

Bill de Blasio (D, WF)

Hello. I'm Bill de Blasio. I'm an outer borough working dad and proud public school parent. I'm currently serving as New York City Public Advocate, and I'm running to be your mayor. I've spent my life in public service as a progressive reformer and a grassroots organizer, serving with Andrew Cuomo in the Clinton Administration, leading Hillary Clinton's first campaign, and working for change in our city — from my local school board, to City Council, to Public Advocate. In that time, I've helped stop thousands of teacher layoffs and save neighborhood schools at risk of closure; held slum landlords accountable; helped secure fair compensation for the first responders who fell ill after 9/11; and worked to protect children who were victims of abuse and neglect. I've never been afraid to speak up for those who are too often forgotten by City Hall. Right now, we're living a Tale of Two Cities — one where the rich keep growing richer while middle-class New Yorkers struggle and nearly half our city lives at or near the poverty line. After twelve long years of Mayor Bloomberg, we need a leader who doesn't just cater to Wall Street, large corporations, and big real estate developers. We need a mayor for our entire city — all five boroughs. As mayor, I'm committed to building and preserving nearly 200,000 affordable housing units, replacing corporate subsidies with investments in our CUNY system, and reforming stop and frisk so that young men of color aren't unfairly and arbitrarily stopped. I will invest in start-ups, grow emerging industries, call off the excessive fines that are bankrupting small businesses, and listen to parents when setting educational policy. Most important, I'm the only Democratic candidate who's pledged to increase taxes on the wealthiest to pay for true, universal pre-K and after-school programs for every middle school child who needs it. For me, the quality of our schools is personal. I'm proud to say that I'd be the first mayor in New York history to have a child attending our public schools. I'm determined to lead our city in a new, progressive direction next year — and I hope you'll join me.

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