

My name is Stanley Kalathara. I am running for the City Council, District 25.

Today's New York is a city of great promise but great problems. Our schools are struggling with the packed classrooms and teachers who are underpaid and overwhelmed.

Housing costs go up and up, forcing working families out while developers cash in. We got to where we are today because we have a government that doesn't get it, run by career politicians who don't know what it is like to struggle to make ends meet. Our leaders live in the closed-off boardrooms of City Hall.

I walk down Roosevelt Avenue. I walk down Junction Boulevard. I see the problems people face, people who are just trying to earn a piece of the American dream. It's a dream I know well.

I am an immigrant from India. When I got to this country, I worked as a busboy and paid my way through school. Here in America I have achieved so much. I wanted to give back to the community. That is why I am running for the City Council.

I will work to keep small businesses in Queens. I know how hard it is for small businessmen to keep their doors open. I will fight to reopen St. John's Hospital.

I will work hard to open a new high school and promote charter schools. I will create affordable housing and preserve the dignity of our neighborhoods.

I have lived my dreams since coming to New York City. I am running for the City Council so that New Yorkers can dream big again.

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Please vote for me, Stanley Kalathara,  
a real Democrat, on Election Day.

Thank you.

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