

My name is Albert Cohen. I am a Democrat running for the City Council.

I came to New York when I was 15 years old. When I settled here in Queens, I knew that New York was the greatest place in the world, a place where even a young boy from the former Soviet Union could have big dreams.

I went to law school and started a practice in our community. In my clients, I see New York, people struggling to get by, needing a helping hand and leadership, but people who have the strength, guts and convictions to stare down the hard times and succeed.

I have always had big dreams. But I know that the big dreams aren't enough. We need big, bold leadership to make them real.

Today so many New Yorkers can't stay in their homes because of skyrocketing housing prices and merciless landlords. Our children lag behind in schools that keep lagging behind. Our streets are unsafe, and so many families live paycheck to paycheck.

We need leaders on the City Council who get what we are going through and who have the strength to weather the storm.

I will fight for affordable housing and against developers who want to make a quick buck at the expense of our neighborhoods. I will put cops on the streets and provide for our senior centers. I will create jobs for the hardworking New Yorkers crushed by our struggling economy.

As an immigrant, I know what it is like to feel left behind. On the City Council, I will stick up for the New Yorkers that City Hall has forgotten.

Vote for me, Albert Cohen, on Election  
Day.

Thank you.

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