

Hi. My name is Salim Ejaz and I am a candidate for this great City's Comptroller position.

Having worked as senior manager in the comptroller's office in a multibillion dollar governmental entity, I am more than convinced that the Comptroller's functions can only be discharged by those who have the right professional experience and qualifications. In addition, they must have a proven performance record which would merit the suitability for the job. After all, we are talking about the financial capital of the world, with a budget of \$60 billion. This dwarfs the budget of many Western European countries. The position cannot certainly be held by a professional politician who has managed to raise significant funds through special interest groups and gets enough air time to win the election.

I am professional accountant and not a professional politician. I am offering my services because I have all the requisites. I am a CPA and have 40 years of financial expertise. I have held many senior management positions including over a decade in Nassau County, which incidentally has a budget greater than that of eleven states.

As for my achievements, I am very proud to state that during my tenure, I identified waste and losses of several hundred million dollars. It is an unmatched and unparalleled record and no other candidate even comes close. I am sure that while working for the City, as your fiscal watchdog, I will be able to repeat my performance and reduce and eliminate waste in a much bigger manner.

We all know that these are highly challenging times. We have soaring job losses; the unemployment rate in the City more than doubled in the past year. We have

foreclosures occurring at a heartbreaking rate. Taxes are rising and so are all the fees and fares. MTA fare, sales tax are just a few of the items that impact our daily lives. Wouldn't you agree that these times demand that the person you hire to monitor your finances should be properly qualified? Would you like to take risk and elect someone who has never worked in a comptroller's office and or has never held senior accounting/financial positions in large entities? It would be like General Electric hiring a non-financial person for the Chief Financial Officer's position. There would be a shareholders revolt and the stock would tumble in heartbeat.

I am a grassroot candidate and will be working for you as the main stakeholder. Your agenda is my agenda.

Of course, the most important item is to lower taxes. One sure way to achieve it in a shrinking economy is to reduce wasteful

expenditures. That is my specialization and I can virtually assure you that significant savings can be achieved.

You also want total transparency, better housing, better education, and I will strive to work for all of them.

Have you ever wondered why the City imposes fines and fees which are of draconian proportion? You are one minute late at a parking meter and the fine can be a couple of hundred dollars. Hundreds of dollars for not putting a quarter in time. It is absolutely ridiculous. Why do you think it is happening? Because the City, like most other government entities, is run highly inefficiently so they cover their costs by socking it to us poor residents. The City has been raising their fees in gigantic proportions while the tax breaks of hundreds of billions of dollars are being given to the super rich and the special interest groups.

The middle class is over burdened with taxes and if you are me, I am sure you've had it and want to do something about it. Well here is your chance. We have to cut ourselves loose from the stranglehold of the special interests and fight the entrenched establishment. It is our opportunity and we can do it. Join us at the polls.

In closing, let me assure you that if elected, I will do my best to serve you, and I would urge you to visit my web site Salejaz.com and read about me.

God bless you all.

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