

Mayor

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Hi, I'm Joe Lhota and I am running to be your next mayor. I was born in the Bronx to two young parents. My dad was a NYC cop. His father was a NYC fireman and my mother's dad was a city taxi driver. New York City has been in my blood from the very beginning. I was the first in my family to go to college. After graduating I moved back to New York, and my family and I have lived in Brooklyn for the past twenty five years. I started my career on Wall Street and then had the great fortune to enter public service as both budget director and deputy mayor in Rudy Giuliani's administration. That was an exciting time for New York City — an era of transformation. Some of you remember, and some of you won't, but at the time, the city was called unmanageable and ungovernable. Our streets were plagued by violent crime and economic despair was all around. People were fleeing the city for a better life elsewhere. But with the right leadership, the right vision and the right policies, that all began to change. Crime hit historic lows, businesses began to flourish and the city experienced a true rebirth. Now we live in the safest large city in America, people live in parts of the city they never would before and we have new, growing industries ranging from bio-tech to high-tech. We have also begun to implement needed reforms to our public school system. But our progress is fragile and threatens to be reversed with the wrong policies based on who we elect as our next mayor. New York City government is a massive \$70 billion enterprise with more than 300,000 employees. I believe our next mayor must have both private and public sector experience managing large, complex organizations and a vision to lead this city with a pro-growth, 5 borough strategy. I've served the people of New York through some of our brightest and proudest moments, and also through some of our biggest challenges. And I believe our best days are yet ahead. Together, we can keep this city moving forward. I hope I can count on your support in the election. Thank you.

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