

"LOS ANGELES: A FAMILY OF NEIGHBORHOODS"

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I appreciate your joining me today, as I formally announce my candidacy for mayor.

We're at a turning point in Los Angeles, and this election may well be our most important in history.

Our city is troubled -- and our people are hurting.

It's time to turn Los Angeles around, and get this city working again.

I believe in a better Los Angeles, because I believe in the people who live here.

I believe we can put our people back to work.

I believe we can learn to respect each others' differences, and celebrate our diversity.

I believe we can give people hope and opportunity.

But it will take bold and imaginative leadership, and a totally new approach to governing.

It will take leadership which reaches down to the roots of our city, and shares power with the people who live here.

We need a leader who will listen to people.

We need a leader who will bring out the best in people.

We need a leader who will unite Angelenos and rebuild our city from the bottom up.

In essence, we need a leader who will turn Los Angeles into a Family of Neighborhoods, in which everyone participates and everyone takes pride.

I will be that leader.