

Hello, my name is Nithya Raman and I'm running for mayor. I'm an urban planner by training, and I'm the mother of 10-year-old twins who are in the fourth grade. For the last five years, I've been the council member for District 4, representing neighborhoods across the southern San Fernando Valley, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake.

I started in politics unexpectedly. My neighbors and I were trying to help people experiencing homelessness near our homes, and we realized the city could do so much more to help people. We felt an urgency for change that I just didn't see reflected in the city, and I ran to change that.

In my time on council, I've made a lot of progress on the biggest issues facing my constituents and facing the city. My team and I helped hundreds of people experiencing homelessness on my district streets move into shelter and housing, reducing homelessness in the district year after year.

I led the largest expansion of renter protections in this city in 40 years and pushed for much more housing to lower costs for renters. I helped create the program that's finally building bus shelters across L.A.

In our district, I installed bike lanes and I installed speed humps around our schools. I wrote L.A.'s sanctuary city law to protect immigrants. But I don't think I'm alone in feeling like our city has been struggling over the last couple of years.

Housing costs and rents are continuing to rise, and L.A. has become an increasingly difficult place to live. A billion-dollar budget deficit, thanks to terrible fiscal management from the top of the city, has cut services to the bone. Streetlights are out, potholes aren't getting filled, and we can't provide support to immigrants impacted by these horrific ICE raids. We can't afford it.

I'm running for mayor to meet this moment with honesty, and urgency, and hard work. Over the past five years on City Council, I've put Angelenos first and I've delivered results for them. That's what you can count on if I'm the mayor. I will make sure Angelenos have a home they can afford. I'll prioritize making our city work and fixing our services. I will protect Angelenos and make sure we are prepared for emergencies before they happen, and that we rebuild in the Palisades as quickly as possible.

I love this city. It's given my family and me so much and as mayor, I will lead with the urgency and accountability that this moment and this city demands.

Together, we can make Los Angeles a city that works for everyone who lives in it. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Thank you.

