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Thomas West formally announces his candidacy for Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, PA – Thomas West, a long-time Pittsburgh resident and small business owner, has officially announced his candidacy for Mayor of Pittsburgh. In a historic moment for Pittsburgh, Thomas would be the first openly gay man to run and hold this office. His candidacy represents a groundbreaking step for the city. With a background in TV news production and entrepreneurship, West is ready to bring new leadership to the city he’s called home for decades.

“I’ve been a proud resident of Pittsburgh for decades. I believe in this city. That is why I’ve chosen to live here, and that’s why I’ve chosen to open my business here,” said West. “But something is wrong. We’ve been promised a city of opportunity, and yet thousands of families have been left behind. Our neighborhoods are forgotten, and we’re questioning how safe we are in our own city. It’s time for change, and that’s why I’m running for Mayor.”

West, who has personally experienced the challenges of crime, shared his frustration with the state of public safety. “From random attacks to drug overdoses on our streets and river trails, public safety **MUST** be a top priority for our city government. Our police force has been battling to keep officers and secure funding for far too long. I understand this issue firsthand after Adam and I became victims of an assault downtown,” said West. “We need leadership that fully champions public safety. From our police and fire departments to EMS services. It’s time to confront these issues head-on and build a safer and more secure future for all.”

As a small business owner, West has seen firsthand the struggles faced by entrepreneurs in Pittsburgh. “We need to be competitive again. We need leadership that says Pittsburgh is open for business—both small and big. We need to foster entrepreneurship from as early on as high school, especially in minority communities. We must create a city that helps people’s dreams come true,” West stated. “We need to address the challenges that small business owners face, from high costs to a lack of support. I’ve heard from those who’ve been left out of the system, and I’m ready to fix that.”

West also emphasized the need for fiscal responsibility and transparency in city government. “Pittsburgh’s budget has been mismanaged for too long, and it’s pushing the city toward a financial crisis. Without a long-term vision, we’ll continue to face population decline, stalled projects, and

diminishing public services. We must create a sustainable budget that is transparent and rooted in fiscal responsibility,” West said. “Transparency is key to any well-run government. We’ve become too accustomed to secrecy from city leaders. Decisions are made behind closed doors, and that has to change.”

West’s campaign is rooted in his belief that Pittsburgh can be a place of opportunity for all residents. “I’m not a radical. I’m a common-sense person who believes there are many great people in this city doing great work. But this city needs a wake-up call. It’s time to live the dream that so many of us have,” West concluded. “I want to be your voice. I want to help your neighborhoods. And that’s why I’m officially announcing my candidacy for Mayor of Pittsburgh.”

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