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**Statement on Announcement of Candidacy**

With the dawn of a New Year, I am excited to announce to my candidacy for City Council At-Large in the upcoming Democratic primary. I am running as a democratic socialist with a vision for a more just and equitable Philadelphia. I am fighting for a municipal government that gives a voice to the working class and other oppressed people of this city.

Now many of you might be wondering why is this cancer biologist running for City Council? Throughout high school and my undergraduate studies, I volunteered with a non-profit to visit children with cancer. Many of these kids and teens became my friends and inspired me to pursue a career in cancer research. Needless to say, many of them never made it out of the hospital room. So, I made it my mission to help develop treatment and therapies for cancer patients because what drives me is a passion to serve others and to find solutions to problems.

Many of us, if not all of us, have experienced what cancer can do to our families and friends. But cancer is a problem for which we don't have a solution and that affects everyone. So, we invest billions of dollars to understanding and developing treatments and therapies for cancer, with the hope of one day curing it. However, the problems that working-class Philadelphians face such as housing instability, job insecurity, the opioid epidemic, underfunded and schools built with toxic materials, among others, have solutions. I will work tirelessly and with courage to solve these problems. As a scientist my training has equipped me to solve problems efficiently and diligently. Scientists evaluate and study problems, examine facts and evidence, and provide objective solutions to questions. As a cancer biologist I understand that we must proceed with urgency and responsibility as people's lives will be impacted. That is why I'm transitioning from cancer research to politics, because we must enact logic and fact-based solutions to the very real problems Philadelphians face.

If you have any questions or wish to set up a 1-1 interview with me, feel free to email the campaign at [info@rivera2019.com](mailto:info@rivera2019.com).

In Solidarity

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