

Justin Elicker files to run for New Haven mayor  
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On Wednesday, January 16, New Haven Land Trust Executive Director and former Alder Justin Elicker filed to run Mayor of New Haven in 2019. Justin made the following statement upon jumping into the race:

“New Haven has such great potential. We are one of the fastest growing cities in Connecticut, we offer the finest higher education opportunities in the country, we have a bustling and active downtown and we have the most community-minded population of anywhere I have lived. Interest from real estate developers continues to drive development and growth. Many are benefiting.

But not all boats are rising. In talking to my fellow New Haveners from Newhallville to Fair Haven, from the Hill to West Hills, I know that the prosperity we see physically manifested through Yale and Downtown hasn’t made it to our neighborhoods. Since the year 2000 the number of New Haven residents earning more than \$100,000 a year is up over 140%, yet nearly half (45%) of our residents live below 200% of the poverty line. **We can and we must do better.**

I’m running for Mayor because I want my daughters to grow up in a city that provides everyone the education and opportunities they need to be successful in life. I believe my commitment to lifting all New Haven’s neighborhoods together, coupled with my experience in local government and as a non-profit executive, make me the right person to restore our city’s promise:”

Justin previously ran for mayor in 2013, winning 9,400 votes. After that election, Justin became executive director of the New Haven Land Trust. He rebuilt that organization, which was emerging from an embezzlement scandal, got it back on strong financial footing, and expanded its footprint. In 2019, Justin will be running a grassroots campaign focused on winning votes in all 30 wards of the city. As previously, Justin is committed to clean government and will be using the public financing Democracy Fund system.

With strong ties to the community from his work as an Alder and as the leader of a non-profit whose turnaround and expansion he engineered, Justin expects a broad and diverse base of support throughout the campaign. He has brought on Walter Morton, Hamden Board of Education member and veteran of Connecticut campaigns, as a campaign coordinator as he builds out his campaign. Walter will be leading Justin’s outreach efforts in the early stages of the campaign.

Justin will be announcing the details of his formal election kick-off event soon.

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