

A PERSONAL LETTER TO MY FELLOW NEW YORKERS

My Dear Fellow New Yorkers,

Recently the *New York Daily News* reported a story about a young woman who was contemplating suicide. Subway riders found the woman sitting on a steel beam located above the track. The woman allegedly claimed that nobody cared about her. Eventually a "Good Samaritan" climbed on to the beam and saved her.¹ According to another report, people called for help but "apparently no one cared."²

The belief that nobody cares is a terribly depressing feeling. It produces morbid feelings of alienation, low morale, and hopelessness. This is true not only in personal relationships but in all relationships, including the one that exists between the people and their elected officials. In a city as wealthy as New York City, the hub of a metropolitan area with a GDP of over 1.5 TRILLION DOLLARS,³ nobody should feel left out. Nobody should feel that things are hopeless. Nobody should feel that his or her quality life is eroding. Nobody should feel dissatisfied.

Yet poll after poll indicate that not only do massive numbers of voters in New York City feel dissatisfied, the number of voters feeling dissatisfied is increasing. It is not surprising that in the 2013 mayoral race, voter turnout plummeted to a record low.⁴ That is indicative of a crisis in confidence in our government, a political malaise, and a level of voter alienation that distorts the entire electoral process.

I hereby solemnly pledge that from the moment I am sworn-in as mayor of New York City, I will devote every ounce of my energy to earning the confidence of the people who have placed their trust in me. I will not take the people for granted. I do not want to be part of the problem; I want to be part of the solution.

On November 7th vote for Phillip W. Weiss for Mayor of the City of New York.

Sincerely,

Phillip W. Weiss

¹ Graham Rayman. "Man follows suicidal woman onto beam over East Village subway platform, talks her out of jumping." *New York Daily News*, August 26, 2017. <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/manhattan/man-woman-subway-beam-talks-jumping-article-1.3445187>

² Ann Schmidt. "Good Samaritan risks his life to save suicidal woman" *Daily Mail*, August 27, 2017. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4828324/Good-Samaritan-saves-suicidal-woman-Manhattan-subway.html>

³ This Stunning 3D Map Shows U.S. Economic Contribution by City <http://www.visualcapitalist.com/this-stunning-3d-map-shows-u-s-economic-contribution-by-city/>

⁴ Sam Roberts. "Voter Turn-out Appears To Be Record Low." *New York Times*, November 6, 2013. <https://www.nytimes.com/news/election-2013/2013/11/06/new-york-turnout-appears-headed-for-record-low/>

