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DEVIN BALKIND RUNS FOR PUBLIC ADVOCATE. PROMISES TO DELIVER 5 SOLUTIONS.

New York City: Devin Balkind is a technologist who spent the last decade working with nonprofits, governments and businesses to improve people's lives. He says: "I'm concerned that the Public Advocate's office has become a venue for political provocation and propaganda, instead of what it was intended to be --a way to make government more transparent and accountable to New Yorkers." He believes that the office should be less political and focus on providing real solutions that every New Yorker needs.

Devin's campaign advocates [Five Solutions](#) as this op-ed in Gotham Gazette details. Each is nonpartisan, practical, doable, and delivers clear and obvious results to all New Yorkers:

- 1) **2-1-1 Comprehensive Non-Profit Services Directory** to get NYers what they need when they need it—particularly during a crisis;
- 2) **Digital Transformation Service** to help civil servants stop being frustrated and start being empowered to modernize city agency technology;
- 3) **Regional Coordinator** to collaborate with other governments in the tri-state area and leverage the weight of three states over one to get funds, shave commuter times and eliminate unnecessary conflicts;
- 4) **Civic Engagement Report Card** for NYers to have the opportunity to evaluate the City's public participation initiatives;
- 5) **Open Government App** to track City spending and City agency performance in a user-friendly way that every NYer can easily access.

Running as a Libertarian, Devin says: "There are more Libertarians in this city than there are Trump supporters. We're not our grandparent's party but focused on Big City solutions for today, at a time where large metro regions are driving the future. The Libertarians won official status in New York State for the first time in 2018, and **I'm the first candidate of the official party**. And, as most New Yorkers will tell you, the City needs and deserves **an alternative** to the Democrats and Republicans as usual."

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