Hello, my name is Cary Baldwin, and I’m proud to announce my candidacy for the upcoming mayoral election in our fair municipality, Mosleytown. The following passages make up the platform that I will run on, with the support of my colleagues and the many residents who signed the petition allowing me to run.   
  
Let me first say that I just recently graduated from college, (I majored in government and economics,) and I can tell you that I’m one of the few graduates who is choosing to stay here in Mosleytown. The majority of my graduating class, and the classes before me, have moved to Leesville city. I believe that is because we as a municipality are not doing enough to make sure they have suitable jobs here, and because the overall economy in Leesville City is undeniably more stable. If I were to be elected, I would focus greatly on improving these conditions, because I understand the problems facing our new young workers, myself being counted among them. I would make these vital citizens a priority, and we would allocate a large percentage of our funds for supporting them, be it by providing grants to potential small businesses that they could start, or by providing benefits to currently unemployed students. Now with all that said, I’m sure I don’t have to tell you that not every worker in Mosleytown is a recent graduate like me. To support workers who do not have an education that prepares them for a high paying job, I would personally finance programs that provide jobs, first and foremost of which being the dam. Beginning construction on this structure would open up jobs for unemployed citizens, while simultaneously providing protection from flooding and a source of reliable energy along with water so we can be prepared for droughts.   
  
On the topic of education, many college graduates may choose to become teachers at local schools in an effort to help our children, but are deterred because of the bad reputations of our academic institutions. I believe that this is due to a lack of funding, and motivation on the part of the current teachers. If we were to provide funding for our schools, they would be able to purchase better learning materials, and pay the teachers more, giving them motivation for success. This would also simultaneously create jobs by encouraging fleeing graduates to pursue a career in education, thus improving the economy as well.  
  
Another aspect of the economy that I’m sure we are all to aware of is taxes. I believe that, in accordance with the tax raise already passed by the town council, the wealthiest members of our society should contribute more. This surplus of funding will be put towards all the programs I have mentioned, and the others that I will cover further down the page. Along with this tax increase, I would propose a tax cut for the residents of Mosleytown who are less fortunate. This includes both our new immigrants and many of our permanent residents. I believe that this benefit will help lower class citizens provide for themselves and their families, which will benefit us all by creating a more prosperous and content society.  
  
There have been concerns raised by quite a few Mosleytown residents that the racial discrimination situation in this town is getting out of hand. The influx of Hispanic immigrants has apparently caught some of the more, let’s say, traditional residents off guard. I cannot stress enough my stark opposition to discrimination of all forms. In fact, it surprises me that we still have these issues. If you, the reader, count yourself among the discriminated against, let me assure you that you are included in all of the policies and reforms I seek to put in place. A Hispanic catholic student will have just as much of a chance to garner a high paying job as a protestant Caucasian. In this day and age, I believe that we should all seek to end discrimination as quickly and efficiently as possible.   
  
Many of the issues I’ve brought up so far may seem rather daunting, but there is good news. The crime rates in our town are lower than they have been for a long time. I think this is something we should all be grateful for. That said, there is more we can do. There is always more we can do. I very much hope I don’t scare anyone when I say this, but I am worried that the aforementioned discrimination could potentially escalate into something more violent. As prolepsis to this issue, I would pass tighter regulations of guns. I propose mandatory background checks by sellers looking for not only an already mandatory criminal offence, but also a history of violence or abuse towards a person of another race, religion, culture, etc., or hate speech of any sort. I strongly believe that this would protect the lives of all our citizens, lower our crime rates even more than ever before, which once again, is something we can all be proud of.  
  
This town has had its speed bumps in the past, and we have many more on the horizon, but if we have hope, if we strive for perfection, if we all work together, if we all look out for one another, and if we try our very hardest, we can, no, we will overcome the challenges ahead of us. Finally, I would like to say that I believe that I will be able to help our town the most out of the current candidates, as I am in the exact position many of our discontented citizens find themselves in every day. I will make our workers and our economy my greatest priority, making sure they are recognized and rewarded for their hard work, while ensuring that every other aspect of this town is as close to perfection as humanly possible.