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**Candidate Statement:**

**Name:** Rick Avila

**Occupation:** General Engineering Contractor

**Age:** 50

My family has lived in San Bernardino for many generations and I know all too well the beauty and prosperity we once had. I have been involved in many civic activities, including many youth programs.

As your next Mayor, I will lead us out of bankruptcy by balancing the budget and creating resources that will increase much needed revenue. I believe we can achieve fiscal solvency without reducing police and fire services.

As the prime General Engineering Contractor for the Kendall Plaza project, I have employed 200 workers from the local area. Kendall Plaza is one of the largest retail and commercial projects in our City for decades. Our next Mayor should understand what it takes to attract development and new businesses. I have the ability to create local jobs that are financed by the private sector and not reliant on government subsidies.

I will be a "tough Mayor" who will make the "tough decisions" in order to save our City from its demise.

With your vote and support on Election Day, we can restore our City to a viable and prosperous community.

Please go to [rickavilamayor.com](http://rickavilamayor.com) for detailed information regarding my qualifications.

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