



Benjamin's News and Updates June 8, 2026



by **Benjamin Zastrow** on June 8

What a month! Thanks to your support, I officially filed for mayor on the very first day of the filing period, continued meeting residents across Rochester, and held a highly successful Reddit AMA where hundreds of community members engaged in thoughtful conversations about the future of our city. Every day, I am reminded that this campaign is powered by people who believe Rochester deserves leadership that listens, works hard, and puts neighborhoods first. The momentum is real, the excitement is growing, and together we are building a movement rooted in community, accountability, and optimism for Rochester's future.

As I do each month, I continue to call for you, the people of Rochester, to participate this year not just by voting, [requesting a sign](#), or [donating](#), but by taking care of yourselves, loving your families, and helping your neighbors. If I can count on you to do that, I will guarantee lasting results at City Hall.



BENJAMIN'S RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Filing Day!

May 19th, 2026

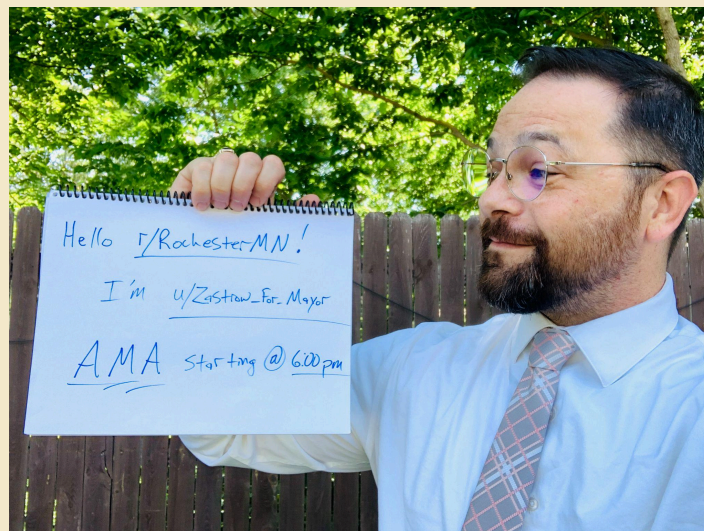
On Tuesday, May 19th, I had the honor of officially filing to run for Mayor of Rochester on the very first day of the filing period. Standing in City Hall with my wife and oldest daughter by my side was a moment I will never forget. After months of conversations with residents across our city and years of community advocacy, it was both humbling and exciting to take this next step. I signed the paperwork, took a few photos to mark the occasion, and reflected on how far this journey has already come.

As I stood in City Hall, I found myself thinking about the people who made this moment possible: the neighbors who encouraged me to run, the volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to this campaign, and the residents who believe Rochester can do even better. This campaign was never built around one person. It was built around a shared



belief that strong neighborhoods, responsive leadership, and a community-first approach can help Rochester reach its full potential.

More than anything, filing day filled me with optimism. Rochester is a city with tremendous opportunities, incredible people, and a bright future ahead. Every conversation, every door knocked, and every new supporter reminds me that people are ready for leadership that listens, works hard, and brings people together to solve problems. I am grateful for the trust so many have placed in me, and I am energized for the work ahead. Together, we are building something special. [KTTC coverage here.](#)



Reddit AMA - Benjamin Zastrow

June 2nd

Last Tuesday, I spent hours answering questions from Rochester residents in [a live Reddit AMA](#). The questions covered everything from housing affordability and property taxes to public safety, homelessness, downtown small businesses, growth, neighborhood preservation, and city accountability. What stood out to me wasn't just the range of topics; it was how deeply engaged people are in the future of our city. I answered every question the same way I intend to serve as mayor: honestly, directly, and with a clear understanding of what the office can and cannot do. In a race filled with promises, I believe voters deserve



leaders who know the job, respect the limits of the position, and are prepared to build coalitions that turn ideas into results.

The residents' response reinforced why this campaign is growing. People want a mayor who listens, who shows up, and who has a proven record of bringing neighbors together to solve problems. They want leadership grounded in neighborhoods, accountability, and practical solutions, not political theater. If the AMA left you feeling hopeful about what Rochester can become, I invite you to help us keep building this movement. Every contribution helps us reach more voters with a message that Rochester's future belongs to engaged residents, strong neighborhoods, thriving small businesses, and a City Hall that works for everyone. Please consider making a contribution today.

BENJAMIN'S RECENT CAMPAIGN UPDATES

- Filed affidavit of candidacy on May 19th, officially becoming a 2026 Candidate for mayor! [KTTC coverage here.](#)
- Hosted a well-received Reddit AMA on June 2nd. [Check it out here.](#)
- Lawn signs, indoor signs, and literature are all [ready to head out to the community.](#)
- Digital campaigning well underway & in-person events ramping up - Thank You!

Supporter to do list:

1. Mark your calendars for Primary Elections on August 11th.
2. Go view and share [Benjamin Zastrow's campaign website.](#)
3. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).
4. [Donate any amount today.](#)
5. Request an indoor or outdoor [sign here.](#)

Thank you!

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