

## Eric Adams

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams was born in Brownsville, Brooklyn and raised in South Jamaica, Queens--one of six children raised by a single mom who cleaned houses. As a young man, Eric dealt with many of the same hardships of other New Yorkers: he faced homelessness, hunger and brutality at the hands of police.

But instead of giving into anger, Eric turned his pain into purpose and decided to change the police department from within. He joined the NYPD and became one of its most outspoken officers, calling out racism and bias in the department and pushing for major reforms. He also put himself through school, earning undergraduate and graduate degrees.

From the NYPD, he moved on to the State Senate, where he pushed through measures to protect tenants and workers, improve public safety, and advance human rights, including marriage equality.

Eric was then elected Brooklyn Borough President in 2013 by putting together a diverse coalition of Brooklynites to

become the borough's first Black leader. Since, Eric has fought tirelessly to grow the local economy, reduce inequality, improve public safety, and advocate for smart policies and better government that delivers for all New Yorkers.