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## Svante Myrick is a dedicated advocate born from humble beginnings.

Rising from bouts of homelessness in his childhood, Svante's journey epitomizes resilience and determination. **At just 24, he became the youngest mayor of Ithaca in New York State history.** His world-leading public policy solutions on housing, public safety and the environment quickly became emulated by other cities and garnered him national acclaim.

**Now Svante leads one of the nation's most influential progressive advocacy organizations, championing freedom, justice, and democracy.** Under his leadership, the team has taken on book banners and won; supported progressive candidates who won; and rallied for a record number of remarkable judicial nominees who now sit on federal benches making decisions on behalf of the public interest.

He is a sought-after political analyst, lending his insights to top-tier media outlets including **NBC, CNN, MSNBC, and News Nation.** He appears regularly as a columnist for *The Hill*, one of the most respected and followed media outlets among political insiders.

**Honored with the prestigious John F. Kennedy Frontier Award and featured in Forbes' "30 Under 30" list,** Svante's impact reverberates far beyond political circles. *Rolling Stone* hailed him as a "Hot Do-Gooder," recognizing his unwavering commitment to effecting positive change.

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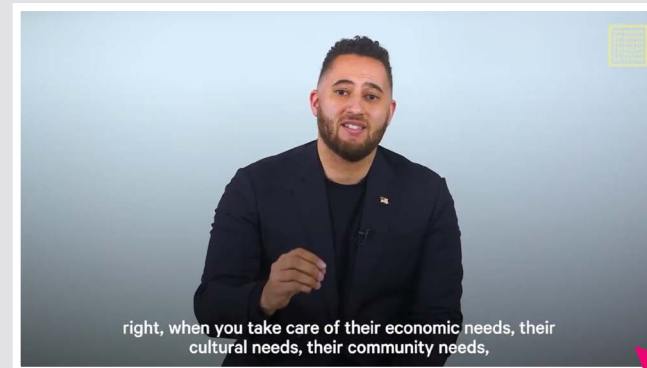


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Last week, while all eyes were on a presidential debate between the two oldest major-party presidential nominees in our history, I took a break and spent some time with the rising political stars of tomorrow. I came away inspired and convinced of the value of cultivating talent and building pathways for the next generation of political leaders.

I was with about 100 elected officials, at all levels of government and all under 35 years old, who gathered in Washington for a national convening my organization hosted.

This group of younger millennials and older members of Gen Z represents an under-reported phenomenon in American politics: the growing rate of young people running for office. In fact, the share of Americans age 18-25 seeking office has risen in the last 10 years, according to a recent Tufts University study, and more than 50 percent in that age group say they would

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in this July 23, 2016, file photo, Republican presidential candidate Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker speaks at the American Legislative Exchange Council's 42nd annual meeting in San Diego, Calif. (AP Photo/Denis Poroy, file)

Last Wednesday, partypogers gathered at the National Portrait Gallery in downtown D.C. for a lavish event celebrating the 50 anniversary of the American Legislative Exchange Council, ALEC.



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Last Wednesday, partypogers gathered at the National Portrait Gallery in downtown D.C. for a lavish event celebrating the 50 anniversary of the American Legislative Exchange Council, known as ALEC.

It's probably safe to say that outside of Washington, more Americans have heard of Alec Baldwin, the actor, than ALEC, the so-called conservative "bill mill." But millions should know about it because for decades millions of Last week, while all eyes were on a presidential debate between the two oldest major-party presidential nominees in our history, I took a break and spent some time with the rising political stars of tomorrow. I came away inspired and convinced of the value of cultivating talent and building pathways for the next generation of political leaders.

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