

Tom Allon Drops Out of Mayoral Race

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Tom Allon has dropped out of the mayoral race, ending a long-shot candidacy to devote his energies to publishing.

His campaign announced early this morning that he would withdraw as a candidate because Allon had acquired the publisher of City & State, a political newspaper. A message left for his spokesman was not immediately returned.

"When I decided to enter the mayoral race in July 2011, I had a deep desire to lead this wonderful and unique city and to finally fix our crumbling public education system," Allon said in a statement released to the press.

He said that he would continue to "pursue a reform agenda as an education activist, a columnist and blogger, and parent of three teenagers."

Allon was running as a Republican and was endorsed by the Liberal Party, which released a statement saying that it respected his decision.

"One of the major reasons we endorsed Tom Allon for Mayor was that we knew he understands the priorities in life," said Liberal Party Executive Director Martin I. Hassner. "A family man with obligations and an outstanding background in the business of journalism and media, Tom stepped into politics with carefully selected priorities."

Hassner said that they would field other candidates for mayor and other contests in the city.

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