

**Hon. Sean Ryan**

*Mayor, City of Buffalo*

Sean Ryan was sworn in as the 64th Mayor of the City of Buffalo on Jan. 1, 2026.

Ryan was born in Buffalo and proudly grew up in Lackawanna, where he learned the value of hard work from his father, a firefighter, and his mother, a teacher.

A graduate of SUNY Fredonia and Brooklyn Law School, his legal career focused on justice, equity, and opportunity for all. His broad legal experience includes work for Neighborhood Legal Services, a private law practice collaboration with the Learning Disabilities Association of WNY concentrating on the rights of disabled students, and the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo. His legal highlights include securing a record award for a victim of housing discrimination, successfully challenging a school district's denial of special education services to children enrolled in parochial schools, and compelling enforcement of Buffalo's Living Wage Ordinance.

In 2008, Ryan began working with People United for Sustainable Housing, Inc. to create a nonprofit development entity, the Buffalo Neighborhood Stabilization Company, Inc. (BNSC). As Executive Director and General Counsel, he developed a community-driven redevelopment plan for a section of Buffalo's West Side.

Ryan has served on the Board of Directors and as legal counsel for numerous nonprofit organizations including Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Autistic Services Inc., the Coalition for Economic Justice, and the City of Buffalo's Living Wage Commission.

Ryan was first elected to the New York State Assembly in 2011 and later to the State Senate in 2020, where he represented the 61st District encompassing parts of the City of Buffalo, the City of Tonawanda, the Towns of Amherst, Grand Island, and Tonawanda, and the Villages of Kenmore and Williamsville.

As a legislator, Ryan was instrumental in helping to transform Western New York's economy. He has championed policies that promote a fair economy, protect taxpayer dollars, and provide lower taxes for middle-class families and small businesses. He has led transformational investments in housing, education, waterfront development, and neighborhood revitalization, and has been a strong advocate for reproductive freedom, gun safety, and clean water initiatives.