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# Clinton to run for president

## Officially announcing candidacy, Clinton will run for Democratic nomination.

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Former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., announced her candidacy for the 2008 Democratic Party's presidential nomination Saturday.

During a public appearance yesterday, Clinton said she decided to run after talking to family, friends and supporters since her re-election to the Senate in November, according to The Associated Press.

"It was a thorough review for me about the problems we confront in the country, the particular strengths and talents I would bring - both to the race and the White House," she said.

Clinton expressed confidence in her presidential prospects and said she awaits a spirited contest for the nomination, according to the report.

"It'll be a great contest with a lot of talented people, and I'm very confident," Clinton said during the speech. "I'm in, I'm in it to win, and that's what I intend to do."

Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-Manhattan, expressed her content regarding Clinton's nomination announcement.

"She's a serious candidate, and she has excellent credentials," Carlin said. "Now is the time for a woman to be in the race, and she is the woman to do it right now. She's a woman with foresight, integrity, has an interest in the people and has experience with people all over the world. I'm very pleased."

Aaron Apel, Young Democrats president, also said he was pleased with Clinton's announcement.

"As a woman, she'll bring a much-needed different set of views to the race," Apel, senior in philosophy, said. "Her perspective will be one of her most valuable assets she can bring. In a country of 300 million people, having diversity in the two-party system is in America's best interest."

Along with Clinton, the field of candidates for the 2008 Democratic nomination includes 2004 vice-presidential nominee John Edwards and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson.

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