Rocky to announce presidential bid Tuesday

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SALT LAKE CITY (ABC 4 News) - Rocky Anderson will announce he's running for president early next week.

Salt Lake's former outspoken mayor tells ABC 4 he will officially throw his hat in the presidential ring Tuesday in Washington D.C.

There are now three presidential candidates with strong Utah ties.

Mitt Romney, Jon Huntsman and Rocky Anderson.

Anderson will run as the nominee of the new Justice Party.

The Justice Party is expected to announce its formation Monday.

Anderson hopes to tap into the passion of the Occupy movement and the <u>power</u> of the social media,

"People have been winning revolutions in the same way in the last few years. We can do the same. We can carry on our own revolution and win this election."

Anderson admits getting on the ballot in all 50 states won't be easy.

But he is confident that Utahns will get the chance to vote for him.

Talk of Anderson running for president actually started when he was mayor of Salt Lake.

In 2006, Nation Magazine wrote,

"Anderson...would be a strong candidate for national office - a viable presidential contender."

Five years later, Anderson himself agrees.

ABC 4: "Can you win?"

Anderson: "I can win. This is doable."

One of the other candidates Anderson finds himself vying with is Mitt Romney.

But Anderson now sounds disappointed when he talks about his old friend.

"He's going to look back and say; I really did change just about everything that I was advocating when I ran for Governor of Massachusetts in order to run for President of the United States."

The entire interview with Rocky Anderson can be seen on "On the Record with Chris Vanocur."

It airs this Sunday morning at 7:30.

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