



Marilyn Torres
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Marilyn Torres is a lifelong Camden resident and strong advocate for education. An alumna of Rowan University, Ms. Torres earned her associates degree. Ms. Torres has worked for the Camden Board of Education for over 32 years as the District Parent Coordinator. Like President Barack Obama, Ms. Torres affirms that an investment in education is not only a moral imperative, it is a necessity.

In 2002, New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman awarded Ms. Torres with the *Governor's Award* for Achievement and service to her community. Ms. Torres hosted and produced a Spanish language health education talk show entitled "Enterate", which aired on the Camden School District Channel-19. She was honored by the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders as a recipient of the Martin Luther King medal of honor for her accomplishments. In 2010, Ms. Torres was honored by Vice-President Biden and his wife during Hispanic Heritage Month in Washington, DC.

Councilwoman Torres was recently appointed as the Chairperson of the Camden Redevelopment Agency. She formerly served as the Chairperson of Camden County Human Relations Commission, Commissioner for the Camden City Housing Authority, and Member of the Camden Children's Garden.

Ms. Torres was a former outreach worker for Operation Cease Fire in Camden, an initiative funded through the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, to reduce gun violence in the City.

In her devotion to her community, Councilwoman Torres has held voluntary leadership posts in numerous vocational and civic organizations, including the Association of Puerto Ricans on the March (APM), East Camden on the Move, the Hispanic Professionals Committee, Sensitivity and Cultural Awareness Now (SCA) and the National Association of Bilingual Education. She is presently a member of the Professional Latinas Alliance Network, (P.L.A.N.).

Councilwoman Torres is a mother of four sons, all of whom graduated from Camden City Schools. Ms. Torres is blessed with nine grandchildren.