



Biography on Councilman Angel Fuentes

Councilman Angel Fuentes has been a resident of the City of Camden since 1973. He was born in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, and at the age of 5, his family moved to Brooklyn, NY. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1980, and received his bachelor's degree in Philosophy from St. John Vianney College and Seminary in Miami, Florida in 1985. His mother, who remains as a source of inspiration to him, had a second grade education, instilled in him core values and spirituality, such as helping those in need, which guide him to this current day. On June 6, 2017 primary election and the November 7, 2018 General Election, he won the elections with the most votes for City Council At-Large for a 4 year term.

Currently, Angel Fuentes serves as Deputy County for the Office of Camden County Clerk under the leadership of Hon. Joe Ripa. He previously worked as a Patient Relations Representative at Cooper Health System in Camden for 19 years, Family Therapist with Center for Family Services, Creating Alliance and Supporting Adolescence (CASA), and Case Manager for children in crisis with Steininger Center. During that time, he had a desire to serve his community even more, which led him to run for public office in 1993.

He went on to serve as a member of City Council from 1994 to 2010, of which he was Council President from 2000 to 2010. He then went on to serve as a State Assemblyman from the 5th District from 2009 to 2015. During his tenure, he sponsored legislations that have helped transform and revitalize the City of Camden, such as the Urban Hope Act, Economic Opportunity Act, ensuring state funds were available for the creation of the Camden County Police Department, and many others. He created over a dozen bills signed by Governor Christie. He co-founded the Camden Neighborhood Renaissance, Diversity and Vibe, and raised funds for charitable events, via volleyball and tennis tournaments. He also assisted the National Stop the Violence raise funds for fire victims and family with tragedies in the City of Camden.

Councilman Fuentes has further demonstrated his willingness to give much of his time and effort to helping others by serving on various boards and/or association such as Cooper's Ferry Development Board; Municipal Economic and Recovery Board; Camden County Red Cross; Youth Advocate Program; Superior Court Child Placement Review Board; Center for Family Services of South Jersey; the Greater Camden Partnership; found and Chair of the Hispanic Leadership Association of New Jersey. He volunteered as Co-Founder, Coach and President of the Cramer Hill Williamsport Little League Baseball, from 1990 to 1996, which began with 90 kids creating 9 teams, and led up to 500 kids with over 30 teams. He and his brothers were involved with the Little League as board of Directors, Coaches, Umpires and Photography.

He currently serves on Affairs, Diversity and Community Affairs of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, the Community Advisory Board Diversity and Recruitment to Camden County College, and a frequent guest at the Mega Radio Show 107.5FM and El Sol 1340AM.

Councilman Fuentes is the proud parent of two children, Josuel and Mariangelis. He is engaged to Marilyn Rodriguez, who has two children of her own and a grandchild. His brother Jeraldo Fuentes is Mayor of the Borough of Woodlynne, another brother Pablo "Ricky" Fuentes is a Councilman for the Borough of Woodlynne, and another brother who works for the Camden County Police.