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Victor Carstarphen selected to serve as Mayor

(CAMDEN, NJ) – At the Tuesday, May 11, City Council Meeting, Council Members voted to appoint Councilman Victor Carstarphen to fill the unexpired term created by Mayor Frank Moran’s resignation. Carstarphen was born, raised, and currently serves as Camden’s 2nd Ward Representative on City Council. He was educated through the Camden public school system where he graduated from Camden High School in 1988 and Temple University Fox School of Business in 1993. He works as a Senior Associate for Holmes & Company LLC, a Certified Public Accountant firm.

“This is such an incredible honor to be selected by the Democratic Committee and my City Council colleagues to serve as Camden’s Mayor,” said City of Camden Mayor Victor Carstarphen. “I have served my hometown throughout my life, from mentoring Camden youth on the basketball court to serving the community as a Council member, Camden always came first. I look forward to embarking on this new journey to lift up all residents and I pledged to invite residents, business owners, faith-based leaders and community stakeholders to the table to join us as we work in partnership to unify the city.”

Carstarphen coached the Camden High School Boys Basketball team, where he served as an assistant coach and as Head Coach. His passion for the city has always been on display in serving the City’s youth. Mayor Carstarphen was one of the most decorated basketball players in Camden High School history. He was a three-time All South Jersey selection, and two-time First Team All-State selection before becoming a three-year starter at Temple University under legendary coach John Chaney.

State Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez said she looking forward to working with Carstarphen to improve and enhance city services.

“Vic is a natural leader who unites people from all walks of life and will move the ball forward for Camden City,” Cruz-Perez said. “From his legendary Camden High championship basketball-playing and coaching days, to mentoring thousands of Camden youth, Vic will be a leader who brings our young city together. We are excited to work with the new mayor to support his initiatives to better lives of all residents.”

Interim Mayor and City Council President, Curtis Jenkins, talked about the city's future with the new mayor.

“Camden is in capable hands and I believe Vic is the right man to lead us into the future,” Jenkins said. “I am confident in Vic's ability to fight for our residents, unite our community, and lead our City as Mayor. I look forward to working alongside Mayor Carstarphen for the remainder of my term as City Council President.”

In accordance with New Jersey Code N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, Carstarphen will vacate his position on City Council before succeeding former Mayor Frank Moran and current Acting Mayor (and City Council President) Curtis Jenkins as Camden's new Mayor. Beginning May 12, 2021, Mayor Carstarphen will be responsible for the daily operations of Camden City government and City services. Municipal elections will take place in November of 2021 and Camden's newly elected Mayor will be sworn into office on January 1, 2022.

Camden County Sheriff, Gilbert “Whip” Wilson, has known Carstarphen since he was in grade school and said his work ethic is unparalleled and looks forward to serving and working with him.

“I've had the privilege of knowing and working with Vic throughout his life and career,” Wilson explained. “He's a man of great character and leadership abilities and someone that will take the city to the next level by improving on the quality of life for all residents.”

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