



## Biography on Councilman Angel Fuentes

Mr. Angel Fuentes has been a resident of the City of Camden since his family moved from Brooklyn, NY in 1973. He was born in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, and at the age of 5, they 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 Mr. Fuentes, instilled in him core values, such as helping those in need, which guide him to this current day.

Mr. Fuentes serves as Deputy County Clerk for the Office of Camden County Clerk. Previously, Mr. Fuentes held the position of Patient Relations Representative at Cooper Health System in Camden for 19 years. He also worked as a Family Therapist with Center for Family Services, Creating Alliance and Supporting Adolescence (CASA) and as a case manager for children in crisis with Steininger Center. During this time though, Mr. Fuentes had a desire to serve his community even more, which led him to run for public office in 1993. Add cofounder, coach and president of Cramer Hill Williamsport Little League Baseball, from 1990 to 1996; started with 90 kids, 9 teams, to 500 kids, over 30 teams. He and all his brothers were involved with the little leaguer as coaches, umpire and photographer.

Due to his compassion and commitment to empower Camden City residents, Mr. Fuentes went on to serve as a member of City Council from 1994 to 2010 (with Mayors Arnold Webster, Milton Milan and Gwendolyn Faison; 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 2010 to 2015. During his tenure in the NJ Assembly, he sponsored and supported legislations that have truly 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 had over a dozen bills signed by Governor Christie. The NJ Speaker assigned Fuentes as Cochair of the NJ Assembly Homeland Security and Preparedness. He is co-founder of the Camden Neighborhood Renaissance, diversity and Vibe, and raised thousands of dollars for charitable events (i.e., through volleyball and tennis tournaments). He and Stephnie Coney, Founder of National Stop the Violence, have raised over \$50,000 for fire victims and families with tragedies in the City of Camden.

In 2016, Mayor Dana Redd supported Angel Fuentes to run for Camden City Council At-Large. In 2017, he ran with Mayor Francisco Moran and, four years later, he ran with Mayor Victor Carstarphen. In January of 2022, he became Council President. He made history for being the longest council President, in two different terms (as 4th Ward Councilman and Council At-Large) and servicing for over 22 years as Camden City Council and 6 years as NJ State Assemblyman, 5th Legislative District.

In addition holding public office, Mr. Fuentes has further demonstrated his willingness to give much of his time and effort to helping others by serving on various boards and/or associations such as the Cooper's Ferry Development Board; the 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

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One such organization that Mr. Fuentes is extremely proud to have been part of since its inception is the Hispanic Leadership Summit (HLA-NJ) which is held annually at Rowan University since 2012. The Leadership Summit, held during Hispanic Heritage Month, strives to empower Latinos in New Jersey by facilitating civic engagement, inclusion, leadership, education, and participation while promoting respect, multicultural and diversity understanding. HLA-NJ under Angel's leadership has raised over \$24,000 in scholarship funds. As the founder, Mr. Fuentes served as President to this organization from 2010 to 2020. He is still a member of the board of directors.

Fuentes is on the board of directors for the Camden County on Economic Opportunity. It's a nonprofit, that provides services to residents throughout Camden County. He was involved with community Advisory Committee: Affairs, Diversity and Community Affairs Cooper Medical School of Rowan University ; also, community advisory board diversity and recruitment to Camden County College., and a frequent guest at the Mega Radio Show 107.5 FM, Telemundo and Univision.

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Mr. Fuentes is the proud parent of two children, Josuel, who is 30 years old, and Mariangelis, who is 22 years old. His brother, Jeraldo Fuentes, is Mayor of Woodlynn; later he became the Business Administrator. His brother, Pablo "Ricky" Fuentes, is Councillman for the Borough of Woodlynne, NJ. A brother who has been with the Camden County Police and retired after 25 years of service.