

Biography of Councilwoman Jannette Ramos

Councilwoman Jannette Ramos was born and raised in Camden, New Jersey, and currently resides in the North Camden neighborhood. Councilwoman's parents emigrated from Puerto Rico to North Camden in the 1970's as a way of making a better life for themselves in the United States. Ms. Ramos was raised alongside her six brothers and one sisters. During her childhood, her family relied heavily on government assistance. So from an early age, Jannette witnessed and learned to appreciate the impacts of poverty.

The Councilwoman attended school in Camden, ultimately graduating from Pennsauken Technical School. Shortly after graduation, she moved to Waterbury, Connecticut where she had two children. In February 1997 she returned to Camden, now as a single parent, raising her sons. Upon returning, Ms. Ramos remained focused on working to build a better life for herself and her children. Councilwoman credits much of her success to her mother, and for ultimately shaping who she is today. "My mom set an example, especial as it relates to raising my children, overcoming struggles, persevering and coming though even stronger". Ms. Ramos believes that an environment "is made and not chosen" for an individual. The Councilwoman has made the best of her life by dedicating her time and undivided attention, to ensure her children had the best outcomes regardless of the circumstances.

In 2000, she received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Rutgers University-Camden. Ms. Ramos would go on to complete her master's degree in Social Work in 2001. It was during her time at Rutgers, witnessing the struggles, extreme poverty, blight, and decline of City neighborhoods that Ms. Ramos knew to make a positive change, she had to get involved. Councilwoman Ramos takes pride in advocating for children, supporting families, and engaging with her community. Ms. Ramos is a former Supervisor with the Division of Child Protection and Permanency and currently CEO and Founder of It Takes a Village Housing. Through her nonprofit, she helps to provide services to mothers struggling with substance abuse, while ensuring children remain involved with their parents throughout treatment. In 2019, Ms. Ramos wrote her first book called, "Where's Mom" which speaks to her past and how children are directly impacted based on their involvement and interactions with their parents.

Councilwoman Ramos continues to serve on various City Boards and Committees including: CAMcare Health Corporation, Camden Rotary and Friends, It Takes a Village Housing, and volunteers through the City's Camden Strong-Clean Camden Campaign, and dedicates time with Cathedral Kitchen and The Salvation Army Kroc Center. Ms. Ramos was sworn in as Camden's 4th Ward Councilwoman on August 2, 2023. Councilwoman Ramos enjoys working out, teaching zumba, listening to music and reading books on meditation.