

## **Biography of 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 five, 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 Steiniger 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 assembly member from the fifth 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 Co-chair 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. He and Stephanie 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 fourth 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.

Mr. Fuentes has 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 Greater Camden Partnership; founder and Chairman of the Hispanic Leadership Association of New Jersey; Celebrating its 10th Annual State Hispanic Leadership Conference and Awards Gala. He helped raise over \$45,000 in scholarship funds.