

Biography of Councilwoman Jannette Ramos

Councilwoman Jannette Ramos is a proud born and raised, lifelong Camden resident, she is the CEO and Founder of a nonprofit, It Takes a Village Housing. A former DCPD supervisor and current Councilwoman to the city's 4th Ward. Ms. Ramos has been engaging families since 2000, and takes pride in providing services to the drug and alcohol involved mothers and involving the children to remain involved with their parents.

The Councilwoman's parents emigrated from Puerto Rico to North Camden in the 70's as a way of making a better life for themselves in the United States. Most of her childhood witnessed firsthand what poverty entailed as she was raised with six other brothers and sisters and was raised on welfare and drug infested street. During her teenage years, Ms. Ramos attended school until she was 17 years of age, graduated from Pennsauken Technical School and would soon leave New Jersey, to live in Waterbury, Connecticut and have two sons.

In February 1997, she returned to Camden to raise two sons, while constantly working on ways to make a better life for herself and her two children as a single parent. The Councilwoman credits some of her success in raising her children, to her mother and to shaping who she is today, learning about Camden's diversity, struggles and strengths. Ms. Ramos believes that an environment is made and not chosen as she was able to make the best of her and her children's lives by providing her time and undivided attention, to ensure her children had the best life 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 obtaining her education that she knew she would be making a tremendous difference in many of the lives of Camden, NJ. "Witnessing the increase in struggles of Camden City Families, due to poverty, crime and the decline of neighborhoods." Ms. Ramos knew that to make a positive change, she had to get involved in protecting the City's children and ensuring that families would have a way of making the most of what they had.

In 2019, Ms. Ramos wrote her first book called, "Where's Mom" which speaks to her past of raising children in Camden, NJ and how children are impacted negatively or positively by having their parents involved. Councilwoman Ramos continues to serve on Camden City Board committees including: CAMcare Health Corporation, Camden Rotary and Friends, It Takes a Village Housing, and volunteers her time with the Camden City Clean Ups, Cathedral Kitchen, The Kroc Salvation Army. Ms. Ramos enjoys working out, teaching zumba, listening to music and reading books on meditation.