



Patricia Perkins-Auguste, Councilwoman-At-Large, City of Elizabeth

The Honorable Patricia Perkins-Auguste is a career public servant who embodies the principles of biblical teachings and practical delivery of professional public services to her community, constituents and business interests in and around the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and the State of New Jersey. Currently serving in her 7th consecutive term as an at-large council representative and the only female member of the nine-member legislative governing body in Elizabeth, Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste brings to the local governmental process her 25-plus years of solid experience in community building, leadership, organizational structure, professional, governmental and grassroots knowledge, and solutions for individuals, families, corporate and non-profit sectors throughout the community. Patricia Perkins-Auguste, has dedicated herself to serving the public, based on scripture, which can be found in Romans 12:1-2 which states “to present oneself as a living sacrifice...which is your reasonable service...” Perkins-Auguste, a lifelong resident of Elizabeth, is considered the “Dean” of the council and is currently the longest consecutive serving councilmember. A determined advocate for women, children, and family development, Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste is a compassionate and visionary leader with a track record for removing barriers to opportunities and creating new models for building successful neighborhoods and business communities that enhance the quality of life for residents, private and non-profits entities throughout the City of Elizabeth.

Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste continues to be instrumental in developing sustainable neighborhoods through innovative partnerships and is dedicated to serving local non-profit organizations as a member of the State Democratic Committee, and currently a Commissioner for the State Division of Civil Rights. A former NAACP Branch President and a founding member of the National Council of Negro Women, Greater Elizabeth Area Section; a former member of the National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention; a former Platform Committee member for the 1996 Democratic National Convention; and served as a Delegate for the 2012 Democratic National Convention, for President Barack Obama’s re-election to his second term and an Emeritus Board Member for United Way of Greater Union County.

Currently, Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste continues to develop programs to assist local residents with initiatives centered on continued workforce development, second chance initiatives for residents seeking a fresh start and employment after incarceration as well as providing a pathway out of poverty for the youth and young adults by

providing access to educational and employment opportunities. Supporting programs and services to families living with loved ones on the autism spectrum and preventing homelessness are some of the issues the Councilwoman continues to develop for residents. Creating self-sufficiency and a higher standard of living for individuals and families across the City of Elizabeth is a constant goal.

The Councilwoman is grateful for the ability to empower communities through her own personal life experiences and is extremely humbled and appreciative by today's recognition. A recipient of numerous accolades and awards, Patricia attributes and acknowledges her successes to the importance of her belief in God, family and community. Pat is blessed to be the mother of two sons Klervo 3rd and Tyrel Patrick and is under the spiritual leadership of the Rev. Dr. David Jefferson Sr., Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark, NJ. The Councilwoman devotes herself to Christian Ministries that aid in her relationship with God, her fellowship with people and the nurturing of her spirit, soul and intellect, preparing her to serve in this ever changing, unsettling time for people, governments and our world.