

**Luis A. Quiñones, Candidate For Camden City, NJ Mayor
Autobiography**



My name is Luis A. Quiñones. My parents are Ramiro Quiñones Crespo and Rosa Quiñones Quiñones. My father passed away in 2009 after a long battle with cancer. I was born and raised in Puerto Rico in a big family of nine. I grew up in a small Southern town called Peñuelas and very early in my life I became interested in helping my community. At the age of 16, I was advocating for the youth in my neighborhood by getting them applications for summer jobs with the state. During the time of hurricanes,

I volunteered to help the affected families by delivering food and personal hygiene items. As I continued to get known as a community advocate, I was able to help residents go through the process of getting approved for government programs for new homeowners. I was only twenty-one years old, when I was elected by constituents to serve as the youngest assemblyman in the history of my town. During my service, I fought for a new hospital and the addition of several new residential areas for low-income families. I advocated for more educational and developmental programs for the youth at the local and state levels.

In 1990, I decided to move to New York City after receiving my bachelor's degree in childhood education from Caribbean University. I served in several public schools in the Bronx as a substitute teacher until I was offered a permanent position as an elementary school teacher in PS 30 in the South Bronx. At the age of 26, I became a father. Two years later, I had a second son. My two adult sons, Kelvin and Kenneth, live in Puerto Rico with their mother.

I worked in New York City for ten years where I continued to get involved in the community. Along with my dear principal and mentor, Dr. Aida Rosa, I worked as a community organizer for Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, park cleanups, and parent engagement events. As an

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educator, community advocate, and assemblyman I always asked tough questions and demanded honest answers. If given the opportunity as Mayor of the City of Camden, NJ, I will lead an open and transparent government.

I come to politics out of my love for my students, my neighbors, and the city where I first became a homeowner. I have worked in the community as an advocate organizing cleanups and block parties with my neighbors on Linden Street and surrounding neighborhoods.

I will put the Faces of Camden City above politics. I am prepared to set aside my career of over 30 years in education to make this city as great as it can be. I will devote my time in protecting and strengthening traditional public education, creating affordable housing solutions, providing safer streets because no citizen should be afraid in their own city, slowing the increase of the tax burden, supporting small businesses, and increasing economic development by creating sustainable jobs for all residents.

I will listen. I will make those tough decisions, accomplishing real transformations, making Camden once again a great city where people feel proud of their streets and their infrastructure. With your support, I want to continue advancing these policies in local government working with residents, school officials, community leaders, and other levels of government.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luis Quiñones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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