



MAYOR HELMIN J. CABA BIOGRAPHY

On January 8, 2021, Mayor Helmin J. Caba made history as the first elected mayor of Dominican Republic descent in the City of Perth Amboy.

Since taking office, Mayor Caba has been addressing the significant challenges facing the city's financial conditions, budget deficits, and the public health emergency of COVID-19.

He has "rolled up his sleeves" with a tenacious effort to balance the city's budget while keeping in mind the highest priorities of our community's needs that make up a sizeable Hispanic majority population.

Mayor Caba looks to re-establish Perth Amboy as one of the leading cities in Middlesex County through effective management practices, economic development, and the need to brand the city's significant physical, financial, and historical assets. Mayor Caba's priorities include creating a more fair and prosperous city for all residents through collaborations with non-profits, businesses, and state and federal partners to move Perth Amboy forward. His vision is to transform the workforce with skilled and innovative thinking for capacity development and growth.

Before becoming Perth Amboy's Mayor, Caba served as a City Councilman since 2016, worked as a High School Paraprofessional with the Perth Amboy Board of Education, and was the business owner of Fine-Line Hair Studio, Healthy Choice Grill Restaurant, and

Forever Young School Uniforms. He also was a Board member of the City's Arts Council, Municipal Alliance, and Historic Preservation Commission.

Emigrating from La Vega Province of the Dominican Republic in 1977, he is a Perth Amboy High School Alumni and attended Middlesex County College with a degree in Marketing and Advertising. His parents, Jorge and Gladys Caba imparted strong work ethics of integrity and empathy for others, leading by example in achieving the American dream of U.S. citizenship. Caba believes that his strong family values of faith, compassion, and service have best prepared him as the city's new leader. He and his wife, Wendy, are the proud parents of their children, Adam and Audrey.

Mayor Caba served ten years as the President of the Latin-American Softball League, and member of Perth Amboy's Catholic Schools Advisory Council, and a former Civic Trustee of the Citizen Campaign. Mayor Caba's strong roots in Perth Amboy have provided the opportunity to empower others around him with his history of civic engagement and community service. He currently serves as the Chair of the Perth Amboy Democratic Organization and represents Ward/District 1-1 as a committeeman.

He cares deeply about the city's future and is committed to helping residents prosper during a critical time for cities across the United States and worldwide. His creative vision will address the catalytic role local governments can play in solving climate change and inequality and leverage the rapid technological, social, and economic change that can keep Perth Amboy ahead. Mayor Caba sets to build momentum for integration and transformation with innovation and renewed energy to Perth Amboy's city government.