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Blanquita B. Valenti to Conclude Freeholder Run at End of Current Term

Valenti's Career in Public Service Spans 30 Years

New Brunswick, N.J. February 1, 2019 - Blanquita B. Valenti, a former New Brunswick City Councilwoman and longtime resident and champion for the City of New Brunswick has announced that she will not seek re-election to the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mrs. Valenti has served as a Freeholder since 2004.

An educator for more than 38 years, she taught students in Sayreville, Iselin, the former Saint Peter's High School in New Brunswick and Rutgers University.

A resident of New Brunswick for more than 60 years, Blanquita has been active in a multitude of community boards and organizations addressing social services, education, youth services and Latino issues. She is a founding member of PRAB, a comprehensive social services agency serving residents throughout the City of New Brunswick and central New Jersey for more than four decades.

She served on New Brunswick City Council from 1990 to 2010, the first Latino City resident to do so, and was chosen by her fellow councilmembers to serve as Council President and Council Vice President. She was also the first Latina woman to serve on the New Brunswick Board of Education and additionally served on the New Brunswick Planning Board from 1996 to 2005.

Freeholder Valenti's late husband, Carl, an attorney and former City Commissioner, served many years on the New Brunswick Free Public Library Board of Trustees. In 2008, the library dedicated the Carl T. Valenti Community Room in recognition of his service to New Brunswick.

“For 30 years, Blanquita has served as a model of what all elected officials should be – compassionate, intelligent, community-minded and dedicated to service to the public,” said Mayor Jim Cahill. “I have had the privilege of being her friend, her five-time running mate and her teammate in public service to our community. The City of New Brunswick and the County of Middlesex are better places because of the time and effort she has put forth. We owe her a debt of gratitude for her contributions and I wish her the best in her retirement from the Freeholder board.”

Freeholder Valenti’s term ends on December 31, 2019.

The City of New Brunswick is the county seat for Middlesex County and home of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, the world headquarters for Johnson & Johnson and two globally-renowned hospitals. New Brunswick is an educationally-focused City as well as “The Healthcare City.”

All of New Brunswick’s developments provide seamless access to major transportation lines and an extensive dining scene and an arts district, located in its bustling downtown. The City is focused not only on bringing in new residents and businesses, but also on improving the lives of every one of its residents.

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