

AN OPEN LETTER TO 4TH WARD RESIDENTS:

Throughout my tenure as 4th Ward Councilman, my highest priority has been to ensure that our residents would see continual improvements that enhanced our physical infrastructure, strengthened our business community, and made the overall quality of life even better than before. Today I can proudly say that we are achieving these goals. The record is clear:

Responsible Budgeting:

- Continued Municipal Tax stability
- Smart and effective spending practices

Infrastructure Improvements

- Maintained Park Infrastructure through regular upgrades
- Middlebush Park redesign/refurbishment

Redevelopment/Business Development

- New Affordable Housing Units
- Increased revenue generating commercial space

Public Safety Enhancements

- Expanded 4th Ward police patrols
- Implemented Sidewalk Safety Enhancement Program

Despite this progress, our job remains unfinished and that is why I am asking once again for your support in this year's race for 4th Ward Township Council representative. I encourage you to look through this website where you will see my plan for expanding upon our past achievements and my vision for an even better, stronger, and safer 4th Ward in the months and years to come.

Thank you for your past support and for what I hope will be your continued support in the future. Working with you, I know our greatest achievements still lie ahead.

Sincerely, Carl Wright

4th Ward Councilman

Carl's Plan for the Future

- Continue Municipal Tax rate stability
- Install speed humps to reduce dangers for school children and pedestrians
- Implement \$1.4 million dollar upgrade to 4th Ward water main and sewer lines
- Enact smart and effective redevelopment policies
- More Recreational Opportunities and Programs
- Additional Affordable Housing Opportunities for Seniors and Veterans
- Support local businesses ensuring that money stays within the community funds and draft plans for new YMCA community
- Continue sidewalk installation of the 4th Ward
- Further improvements to parks and recreational spaces
- Enhance police engagement with the community
- Increase Shopping opportunities
- Utilize Cannabis funds for Social Action programs

Carl's Board and Commission Memberships

- Commissioner to the Somerset Community Action Program (SCAP) Board of Directors
- Chairman, Franklin Township Redevelopment Agency
- Commissioner to the Franklin Township Housing Authority
- Council Liaison:
 - Recreation Advisory Committee
 - Hamilton Business District Council Committee
 - Franklin Township Housing Authority
- Council Sub-Committees:
 - Land Use Committee
 - Public Safety
 - Public Works

Why I aspired to be Ward 4 councilman:

In 2005, I believed we were being forced to move to another location we could not afford because Our home was placed in an area that was declared an “area in need of redevelopment”. I had built my house, from the slab flooring to the roof, I knew where all the nails

were. After fighting for 2 years for my neighborhood, 6 blocks were removed from the redevelopment zone. The fight to exclude these 6 blocks from the redevelopment was the catalyst for today’s fight that remains in Ward four.

Everyone should have a voice in the township, and as your elected representative, I AM YOUR VOICE.

I continue the fight on municipal taxes, crime, speeding, home invasion, and crimes of opportunity while improving community activity, ward infrastructure, replacing ageing water and sewer mains, street repaving, reconfiguring crosswalks for handicap movement, installing sidewalks so that our children are not walking on the dangerous streets, promoting commercial activities, providing affordable housing for needy residents, and insuring WE receive our share of township dollars for our community.

When we discuss cannabis, let us not forget two things:

1. The tax revenue reduces your overall property tax bill
2. The township can undertake more social action programs and job training programs in collaboration with the FBOE.

Why reinvent the wheel when it’s built.

Self-promotion is something I think politicians should stay away from, it can cloud your judgment, seeing your name in lights can cause you to lose sight of what needs and should be done. Working for your Ward is not a game of win or lose but is about what’s right and what needs to be fixed.

You may not see my name on all these initiatives but know that I am behind each and every good thing that happens in our ward.

Thanks and God Bless.

Carl Wright, for Ward 4 Councilman

1989 – 1991 American Academy McAllister Institute
of Funeral Service

Experience:

1991 – present:

Clarence B Wright Funeral Home, Inc

Funeral Director & Embalmer

Second generation funeral director, family FH

All aspects of funeral services: conducting funerals,
funeral arrangements, coordination with
other organizations including churches, fraternal and
social organizations

Firdous Funeral Chapel Irvington Location

1991 – 1999

Funeraria Las Américas Funeral Home

Newark, NJ

Manager largest Latino funeral home in NJ

300 funeral home cases per year, prior years volume

190 - 225 funerals per year

1986 – 1989

NYNEX Service Company

Software programmer for the various company entities

NYNEX, New York Telephone, New England Telephone.

1984 – 1986

New England Telephone Boston, Ma.

Memberships:

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Initiated: Gamma Chapter April 1983

Basileus: 1984 – 1986 (president)

Undergraduate/ Intermediate Representative to the Supreme

Council. Elected at our Grand Conclave in Washington, DC 1986
Member Mu Gamma Gamma Chapter (Somerset)
Member Purple Knights of Omega – Guide and council young men
to seek knowledge, vision and become a light for others to
follow.

1991 – present:

New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association
Essex, Union & West Hudson President 2008 - 2009
National FD and Mortician Association
Garden State Funeral Director Association President 1990 - 1992

Somerset County Democratic Committee
Black Democratic Caucus of Somerset County
JFK Club Franklin Township

Franklin Township Pop Warner Football
Coach Flag football 10 years, Director 4 years
Pop Warner game announcer 9 years

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