

Karen K. Sasso

EDUCATION

Graduated Bergen Community College May 1987 with an Associate's Degree in Accounting.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2016 to Present: Member of Carvel Franchisee Advisory Board
Attendance at monthly meetings per year, representing the franchisees to advise corporate on new products, marketing, implementation and other facets of the business to encourage brand growth.

1980 to Present: Carvel, Hackensack NJ
Management of all aspects of a highly successful family business with emphasis on inventory control and employee training.

April 1978 to October 1980: Ricoh Corporation, Fairfield, NJ
Accounting Supervisor for an international company manufacturing and selling high-end and government fax equipment. Oversaw the management of a nine person department, including payroll, receivables and payables. Responsibilities included monthly and year end closings, preparation of financial statements and adapting a manual accounting system to computer.

COUNCIL EXPERIENCE

Hackensack City Council 2005 – 2013
Mayor, Hackensack City Council 2006 – 2007, 2010 - 2011
Deputy Mayor, Hackensack City Council 2000 - 2006, 2009 - 2010
Member, Planning Board 2005 – 2007, 2008 – 2013
Member, Local Assistance Board 2007 – 2009
Member, Main Street Business Alliance 2005 – 2013
Representative, TANAAC (Teterboro Airport Noise Abatement Advisory Committee) 2005 – 2013
Council Representative, Redevelopment Committee, Main Street Corridor, 2010 - 2013

ACHIEVEMENT

Initiation of declaration of an area in need of rehabilitation for Main Street corridor in Hackensack leading to adoption of a comprehensive redevelopment plan and resulting in the wide ranging improvement of a long neglected economic resource for the city.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Bergen County Homeless Task Force - July 2010 to December 2017
Hackensack Friends of DI – Chairperson 1998 to Present
Hackensack Education Foundation – Member 2000 to Present
Hackensack Presidents’ Council – Secretary Treasurer 1994 to 1998
NK Parker Chess Club – Treasurer 1997 to 2001
Parker PTA – President 1993 to 1994
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Additional Involvement chairing and serving on numerous PTA committees at elementary and secondary school levels.

Support of various school and sports programs through donation of time and/or ice cream product.

RECOGNITION

Hackensack Education Foundation
Distinguished Citizen Honoree – 2005
First Female Mayor, Hackensack, 2006
Boys and Girls Club of Lodi and Hackensack
Woman of the Year – 2008
HELP For Our Children, Inc.
Sankofa Everyday Hero Award – 2009