



**COUNCILMAN ARVIN AMATORIO**

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BERGENFIELD, N.J. — “I am proud and humbled by the support of my colleagues and my community on this journey to seek the mayoral post in Bergenfield,” said Filipino-American Councilman Arvin Amatorio on Wednesday as he announced he was a candidate for mayor of Bergenfield in the November polls.

He will be running for mayor with support of the Bergenfield Democratic Committee and will be

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in the electoral race with Bergenfield Council President Ora C. Kornbluth and Councilman Buddy Deauna, also a Fil-Am.

If he wins in November, Amatorio will become Bergenfield's second elected Fil-Am mayor.

The first was Robert C. Rivas in 2000-2002.

Bergenfield is populated by over 5,000 Filipinos, second largest to Jersey City's estimated 20,000 Filipinos.

According to a study, the township is among the 10 safest places to live in the Garden State.



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“Bergenfield is a progressive community that cares for our seniors and works to ensure that our children excel in school and in life. That is why I am raising my family here, why I have dedicated years to public service on the Borough Council, and now why I am running for mayor of Bergenfield, to continue that mission and make sure our community continues to thrive,” said Amatorio.

According to a news release posted in his Facebook page, Amatorio “currently serves as the Bergenfield Council Finance Committee Chairman, where he has drafted the past two municipal budgets with 0% local tax increases.

He has worked to implement shared services agreements with other towns to lower borough expenses and save residents tax dollars, as well as spearhead a Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption for veterans and/or their surviving spouses to obtain municipal property tax relief.

He serves on the DPW & Parks, and Police Committees.

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