



Sam Delgado

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Sam Delgado worked for Verizon New Jersey for 21 years, holding positions in Human Resources, Corporate Procurement, Government Affairs, and External Affairs. He retired as vice president of External Affairs in 2019 after being in that role for 13 years overseeing municipal and county relationships, emergency management, public policy, customer service, public relations, and corporate philanthropy.

Sam is a retired Marine Corps Reserve Combat Communications Officer with 20 years' experience. He served in Operation Uphold Democracy (1994-95) in Haiti, monitoring human rights abuses and managing an international public security force. He was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his service.

In 2014, Sam co-chaired Newark Mayor Ras Baraka's Housing and Economic Development Transition Team. He is a former chairman of Newark Regional Business Partnership and currently serves on the the board of trustees at Felician University.

He was appointed by Governor Phil Murphy to serve on his Veteran Affairs Transition Subcommittee and the New Jersey Commission on Puerto Rico Relief. He is also a founding member of the New Jersey Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Sam's humanitarian work includes returning to Haiti in 2010 to assist in earthquake relief efforts as liaison for Doctors Without Borders, the Haitian government, NGOs, and U.S. military units. He served as advisor and key fundraiser for the WNET documentary "The Borinqueneers", an account of the only segregated Hispanic army unit in U.S. history. After Hurricane Maria he chaired "New Jersey 4 Puerto Rico Relief" helping to raise \$170,000 for the island.

Sam graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from Marist College where he was one of the original Marist Poll student pollsters under Professor Lee Miringdoff, Ph.D. He is also a graduate of the Marine Corps Basic School in Quantico, Virginia and a 2004 Lead New Jersey Fellow.

He is married to Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez of New Jersey's 19th Legislative District. They live in Perth Amboy.