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Newark Councilman Follows Mom's Footsteps, Joins Sewerage Commission

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The PVSC swore in its newest member last month. Crump was nominated to his latest post by Gov. Phil Murphy and confirmed by the New Jersey Senate.

It's the continuation of a family legacy; Crump succeeds his mother, Mildred C. Crump, who served as a PVSC commissioner from 2015 to 2023.

The current board also includes chair Thomas Tucci Jr. (Nutley), vice chair Luis Quintana (Newark), Elizabeth Calabrese (Wallington), John Cosgrove (Fair Lawn), James Doran (Harrison), Joseph Isola (Union City), Hector Lora (Passaic) and Brendan Murphy (Totowa).

Here are some of Crump's qualifications, according to the PVSC:

“Mr. Crump has been a Councilman At-Large in Newark since 2021. He also currently serves as General Counsel and Director of Development for the Newark Parking Authority. He previously worked as Legislative Director for the City of Newark’s Department of Economic and Housing Development; First Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Newark; Chief of Staff to his mother in her role as Newark City Council President; and as Of Counsel to Cooper, Levenson, April, Niedelman, and Wagenheim, PA, from 2006 to 2011. Mr. Crump also takes part in numerous civil and community activities in Newark and several surrounding municipalities. Mr. Crump earned a Bachelor of Arts in Banking and Finance from Morehouse College in Atlanta in 1991 and a Juris Doctor from Rutgers University School of Law in 1998.”

“As an experienced municipal leader and successful professional, commissioner Crump has consistently demonstrated strong, forward-minded leadership,” Tucci said. “I know he will make an extremely positive impact on the agency as we continue to plan for the future, while remaining responsive to our contributing municipalities and ratepayers.”

The PVSC [provides sewage treatment services](#) to an estimated 1.4 million people in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Union and Passaic counties. Its influent capacity is about 330 million gallons per day (MGD) (14.45 cubic meters per second), which is estimated to be a fourth of the total wastewater generated in all of New Jersey.