



Michael J. Venezia

Mayor
Bloomfield, NJ

Michael Venezia is a third- generation Bloomfield Resident who was first elected into office as Councilman at Large in 2011 before running for Mayor in 2013. After winning the election, Mayor Venezia became the youngest mayor in Bloomfield to be elected into office at the age of 31. Now on his second term in office, Mayor Venezia has proven that his progressive leadership can open many new doors for Bloomfield. Aside from being mayor, he is also the current Director or Human Resources for Essex County Schools of Technology.

Over the past 5 years, Mayor Venezia has worked to stabilize property taxes, attract new developments that create jobs for the public while providing our police and fire departments with the necessary equipment and top of the line training to keep our neighborhoods safe. One of the Mayor's biggest accomplishments was the purchase of 13 acres of land that was originally set for 110 townhomes but instead is being constructed to restore wetlands and be a recreational site for all to enjoy. Bloomfield has also become a popular destination for developers interested in the flourishing downtown district.

Furthermore, Bloomfield has seen a significant reduction in crime over the past couple years thanks to the leadership of the Public Safety Director Sam DeMaio, hired under Mayor Venezia. The Bloomfield Police Department is now an accredited agency by the New Jersey Chiefs of Police Association. The Fire Department has also excelled and was awarded a class 2 distinction by the Insurance Service Organization putting them in the top 5% of all municipal fire departments.

Prior to Bloomfield, Mayor Venezia was the Assistant County Administrator under the direction of the County Executive of Essex County. He also served as a senior advisor for the late Senator Lautenberg and served as a field representative for U.S Representative Bill Pascrell. Mayor Venezia's extensive accomplishments were recently recognized at the 2018 NJMMA Awards Luncheon where he was honored with the Elected Officials Award. He currently also sits on the Executive Board Committee for the New Jersey League of Municipalities and is a member of the U.S Conference of Mayors. Mayor Venezia continues to reside in Bloomfield with his beautiful wife Laura and their two daughters Ella and Sophia.