

Assemblywoman BettyLou DeCroce

Assistant Republican Leader

BettyLou DeCroce is a distinguished legislator with extensive local and state government knowledge, an unparalleled behind-the-scenes perspective, and a spirit of bipartisanship.

DeCroce serves on several legislative committees and commissions including: Transportation & Independent Authorities, the Joint Committee on Public Schools, Banking and Insurance, Science & Technology, Pre-trial Services Review Commission, the Intergovernmental Relations Commission, and the Manufacturing Caucus.

She has received numerous awards, including the NJ Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Legislator of the Year; Defender of the Taxpayer Award, for her advocacy of common-sense measures to reduce taxes and create jobs; two time finalist Leading Women Entrepreneur Award; and was recognized by the Displaced Homemakers Network of New Jersey.

Prior to serving in the New Jersey State Legislature, DeCroce served as Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in Governor Chris Christie's Administration, where she authored the Best Practices for Municipalities, which became a statewide model for identifying efficiencies in local government for reducing property taxes, and recognized nationwide.

DeCroce began her government service career as a Councilwoman in Mine Hill. She then went on to from there to serve as Municipal Clerk, Deputy Township Manager and Planning Board Member in Roxbury, and served eleven years on the Board of Adjustment in Parsippany.

DeCroce also served as the first Chair-Woman of the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund, comprised of forty municipalities, where she achieved savings through shared services and negotiated healthcare.

DeCroce brings business-savvy and a small business perspective to the Legislature as President and Owner of ERA Gallo & DeCroce Realtors, a real estate firm in Morris County for over forty-six years; and as Vice President of ABL Holdings LLC, a home construction company. She has been declared one of the 50 Best Women in Business by NJBIZ and an NJ Monthly finalist for Leading Woman Entrepreneur and Business Owner.

In addition, DeCroce was selected to participate in The Emerging Leaders Program at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business Administration.

DeCroce resides in Parsippany, New Jersey and enjoys spending time with her two sons and four grandchildren.

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