

VICE MAYOR

# ANGELINA PEREZ



Angelina Perez, a long-recognized community activist, youth sports advocate, and breast cancer survivor won election in August 2022 to Indiantown's Village Council Seat #4 to serve a four-year term. She was elected Vice Mayor by her fellow council members in September 2023.

A first-generation Guatemalan American, Councilwoman Perez is a former employee of the Indiantown Non-Profit Housing Initiative Inc. and has now accepted a position with the new Indiantown High School. She and her husband, Juan Carlos Garcia, founded the Warriors Soccer Club to serve Indiantown area youth from kindergarten through high school. More than 100 children from Indiantown, plus an additional 15 from Okeechobee, currently participate in the highly successful program that continues to grow each year.

The couple also are the parents of two sons: James is enrolled at Indiantown Middle School and Harold is a senior at South Fork High School.

The councilwoman is an avid supporter of teachers and school district staff. She organizes numerous teacher and staff appreciation events each year, in addition to organizing Treasure Coast Food Bank's monthly food distributions in Indiantown. She also ensures that Indiantown parents are able to participate in the Toys for Tots program each December by driving them to Stuart to select toys for their children for Christmas.

Soon after her election, the councilwoman was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer at age 36. She openly announced the diagnosis and documented her medical journey, which included 35 radiation treatments, in social media posts to help raise awareness that even young women need to be vigilant in getting mammograms. She did not miss a single village council meeting throughout her treatment, attending only one meeting virtually from inside her car after radiation treatment.

As a council member, she advocates for upgrading the village's sewer, water, roads and drainage systems, as well as upgrading Indiantown's parks and athletic fields in order to expand the village's youth sports program. As more manufacturing jobs are available to Indiantown residents and new housing is constructed, she hopes to see more opportunities for adult sports become available, as well.