

José Dapena Thompson

José Joaquín Dapena Thompson (born c. 1938), known as **Josito**, was a Puerto Rican politician and Mayor of Ponce, Puerto Rico from 22 February 1984 to 1988.

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Schooling

Dapena graduated from the University of Salamanca, Spain, in 1965. He practiced law in the island until he got involved in politics. In 1984, he defeated the candidate from the PPD by a narrow margin for the position of Mayor of Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Mayoral term

Dapena Thompson became mayor of Ponce on 22 February 1984 upon the resignation as mayor of Jose G. Tormos Vega on that day. Later, in October of that year, he became *bona fide* mayor via the electoral vote. In the interim, Ruben Quinones, the Ponce Municipal Secretary, was the acting mayor. He was mayor until Ivan Ayala Cadiz assumed the mayoral post in December 1987 via nomination of the New Progressive Party. Ayala Cadiz was mayor until January 1989.^[1]

Resignation

In 1988, Dapena Thompson was "named an unindicted co-conspirator" of embezzlement of federal funds from HUD.^[2] As a result, he resigned as mayor.^[3] Ivan Ayala Cadiz, former assistant dean at the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law, finished off Dapena Thompson's last few weeks' mayoral term.^[4]

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Mayor Jose G. Dapena Thompson

130th Mayor of Ponce, Puerto Rico

In office

22 February 1984 – 1988

Preceded by José G. Tormos Vega

Succeeded by Iván Ayala Cádiz

Personal details

Born c. 1938
Ponce, Puerto Rico

Alma mater University of Salamanca, Spain

Profession Attorney

Today

Dapena Thompson lived in Florida and worked with his son, José Dapena, as of counsel and notary. He has also served as legal advisor to senator Larry Seilhamer.^[5]

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