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CITY OF JERSEY CITY AND JCRA ANNOUNCE RFP FOR VETERAN HOUSING

Proposal would build veterans supportive housing at 524-530 Ocean Avenue; Fulop, a Marine who served in Iraq, was an early signer of First Lady's pledge to end veteran homelessness

JERSEY CITY- Mayor Steven Fulop announced today that the city's Redevelopment Agency will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to create veterans housing at 524-530 Ocean Avenue in Jersey City. The project site will accommodate up to 21 units of rental housing, some of which will be reserved for homeless veterans, and the rest of which will prioritize veteran households.

"As a veteran myself this is important to me. Anyone who has served our country should never be jobless – or worse, without a roof over their head," said Mayor Fulop, "Providing housing and coordinated services for these veterans is a priority for our city,"

Mayor Fulop was the first mayor in New Jersey to sign on to First Lady Michelle Obama's Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness in 2014. His administration in conjunction with the Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness (HCAEH) helped create a committee with veteran- and homelessness service providers as well as representatives from Jersey City's Division of Community Development, the Mayor's Office, and the Resident Response Center. The HCAEH also coordinates referrals and services with the New Jersey Veterans Service Office. The City of Jersey City has also relocated its Office of Veterans Affairs within its Resident Response Center, and is the first point of contact for Jersey City Veterans.

"This building is going to make a world of difference for so many who have served our country," said David Donnelly, Director of the JCRA, "None of it would have happened without Mayor Fulop – a veteran himself – who's been a leader on this important issue."

Mayor Fulop is a United States Marine Corps veteran who served in the 6th Engineer Support Battalion and was deployed amongst the first wave of troops to Iraq.

Responses to the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency's RFP are due on January 8, 2016.
The RFP can be downloaded at <http://www.thejcra.org/index.php>.

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