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Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop Appoints Six New Community Members to Public Safety Advisory Board to Broaden Dialogue

Citizen Advisory Review Board Meets Monthly to Review Public Safety Data and Make Policy Recommendations

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop announced today that six new community members have been appointed to the **Public Safety Citizen Advisory Board**, as the Fulop Administration continues its focus on enhancing public safety throughout the city.

“Improving public safety is a mission that requires many voices and viewpoints and we want to bring as many people to the table as possible,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “That is why we held community meetings across the city and why we are adding new members to the public safety advisory board. Several community groups expressed they wanted a more vocal role in our public safety dialogue and we listened.”

Following a series of community meetings across the city, the administration sought resumes from interested residents via email submission online and through recommendations from community leaders. The new board members represent different neighborhoods throughout the city and a wide range of backgrounds and experience.

The new community members on the board are Janine Brown, educator and youth advocate; Pedro Figueroa, security professional and member of the Alumni Board of Directors for Rider University; Asheenia Johnson, board member of the South Greenville Neighborhood Association; Pamela Johnson, founder of the Jersey City Anti-Violence Coalition; Dana Patton, founding member of the Downtown Neighborhood Watch; and Denise Ridley, data analyst and Rotary International member;

Other members of the board include the Public Safety Director James Shea; Frank Gajewski, Ward A Councilman and former Jersey City Police Chief; Rev. Reginald McRae, of Mt. Pisgah Church; and Bill Braker, the President the Jersey City Chapter of the NAACP.

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The board meets monthly to review police data and public safety issues, and will recommend programmatic police and training guidelines for departmental operations, as well as recommendations for legislative programs and actions to improve public safety.

The Public Safety Advisory Board was created by executive order in September of 2013, shortly after Mayor Fulop took office. Prior to that, there had been no mechanism in place for the public to review police operations. Additionally, since taking office in July of 2013, **Mayor Fulop has hired more than 150 new police officers, with nearly 70 percent being minorities** in an effort to ensure the police department reflects the community it serves.

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