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Planning Director Annisia Cialone to Become Director of the Department of Housing, Economic Development, and Commerce

Following Deputy Mayor Marcos Vigil's Departure from City Government

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop has announced personnel changes to the City's Department of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce (HECD) as Deputy Mayor Marcos Vigil departs government, and City Planning Director Annisia Cialone replaces him as Director of HEDC.

"Marcos has provided Jersey City with exceptional leadership during the past few years, both as Deputy Mayor and as Director of HEDC," said Mayor Fulop. "He has truly contributed to the growth and success of our City with his commitment to affordability, sustainability, and inclusive development, and we wish him well as he starts a new chapter."

Marcos Vigil served his term as Deputy Mayor overseeing economic development and real estate, and developing strategies for sustainable development and affordable housing. He is also represents the City as a member of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities' Legislative Committee and as the Mayor's Alternate Trustee for the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. In January, he became Director of HEDC, where he pushed forward major planning projects such as Bayfront, the Pathside building purchase, and development in neighborhoods away from the waterfront. His last day is August 10th.

"It has been the greatest honor to work with Mayor Fulop and to have been entrusted to spearhead his vision for sustainable, affordable, and equitable development away from the waterfront over the last few years. I'm glad to have played a small part in setting the stage for the next generation of City leaders who will make this the best mid-size city in the country," said Marcos Vigil.

Annisia Cialone will replace Marcos Vigil as Director of HEDC following her appointment as Director of Planning last year. During this time she has spearheaded the modernization of the City's Master Plan, as well as the creation of the City's first bike master plan and school walk plan.

"Annisia has brought new energy and expertise to the Planning Division during her time as the Director, and I am confident she will continue to provide the type of forward-thinking and sustainable ideas that will move our City forward as Director of HEDC," said Mayor Fulop.

Annisia will begin her new role following Marcos Vigil's departure.
"I am honored that the Mayor has asked me to continue the work we have been doing, but now on a larger scale. Based on the time I have spent with the staff of HEDC I know that they are committed public-servants and I will be off to a great start with their support. We will continue to work toward providing the highest level of service to the residents of Jersey City," said Annisia Cialone.
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