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Mayor Fulop & The Citizens Campaign Announce ‘Jersey City Call to Service Summit;’ Flag Day Summit to Focus on Citizen Involvement in Government & Civics

JERSEY CITY – Mayor **Steven M. Fulop** and **The Citizens Campaign** will host the ‘**Jersey City Call to Service Summit**’ to engage residents in government and civics from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** on **Saturday, June 14, 2014** at **City Hall, 280 Grove Street**.

The Summit will empower residents with the training and support they need to bring their talents, energy, and ideas to make an impact in their city & provide the opportunity to meet like-minded citizens.

“I am excited to invite our city’s residents out for Flag Day to learn how to create positive change in Jersey City by working together to develop constructive solutions to our challenges,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “I view the summit as a mini civic boot camp, and hope everyone will take advantage of this great opportunity to hear from The Citizens Campaign, which is empowering problem solvers across our state.”

The day’s events will kick-off with remarks from The Citizens Campaign Chairman **Harry Pozycki**, LatinoJustice President **Juan Cartagena** and **Mayor Steven Fulop**. An interactive panel will follow featuring leading experts on how to move ideas into action:

- US Strong Director **Curtis Fisher** will discuss how to drill down and tackle big policy issues at the local level
- **Naeema Campbell**, an Orange resident, Placemaker and Citizen Journalist, will talk about her work building community through citizen journalism
- Former New Jersey State Comptroller **Matthew Boxer** will highlight effective ways to conduct evidence-based research
- **Maria Vizcarrondo** of the The Nerney Leadership Institute at Cabrini College will demonstrate how to use a no-blame political strategy to get results

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Small group discussions, facilitated by Creative New Jersey, will provide attendees with the opportunity to identify the issues they find most important in the City and begin the conversation on how to implement solutions.

“This Summit will provide Jersey City residents with the knowledge and skills to identify and learn how to advance solution-focused results to address the City’s most pressing issues and make a lasting, positive impact,” said Citizens Campaign Chairman Pozycki.

Co-sponsors of the Call to Service Summit include: Open JC, Sustainable JC, CivicJC, Rising Tide Capital, ArtPride NJ, Jersey City Parks Coalition, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County, Creative New Jersey, WomenRising, Inc., National Wildlife Federation, and the Nerney Leadership Institute at Cabrini College.

The Citizens Campaign is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to fixing our democracy from the bottom up by training citizens in no-blame politics and evidence-based problem solving, while empowering citizens to change the political climate and become a new force for answering our hometowns, state and nation’s challenges.

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