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The Jersey City Department of Health & Human Services Set to Relocate Offices to Community Health Campus; Move Saves City \$180,000 Annually

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the Department of Health and Human Services announce the relocation of several city health offices from 1 Journal Square Plaza to the new **Jersey City Community Health Campus** at **199 Summit Avenue** effective **Monday, March 24th, 2014**. The move will save the City \$180,000 annually in rent and parking costs.

“One of the goals outlined in our transition report was to have all City health services in one location and this is a move in that direction,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “This new Community Health Campus will not only benefit community members with more centralized services, but will also provide for a more efficient delivery of services.”

By having multiple offices and clinics in one location, employees will be cross-trained in certain services and will be able to streamline operations and reduce duplications of work. The new Community Health Center will also feature an education center, vegetable garden beds, and a local Jersey Fresh farm stand to truly engage in building a healthier Jersey City.

The following services will be available at 199 Summit Avenue beginning March 24th:

- Office of Senior Nutrition Services
- Health Education Unit
- Bureau of Animal Control
- Office of Licensing & Permits
- Health Investigations Unit
- Regional Environmental Health Inspectors Unit
- General Administration

Additional health department offices and clinics will be relocated from the HUB at 360 Martin Luther King Drive and 115 Christopher Columbus Drive to the Community Health Campus by the summer.

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Currently, the City spends \$480,000 a year in Health Department rents and parking costs. For 115 Christopher Columbus Drive the City spends \$120,000 a year on rent, for the HUB the City spends \$50,000 a year, at 1 Journal Square Plaza the City spends \$240,000 a year in rent, and another \$70,000 a year is spent on Health Department parking fees. When the move is complete and all offices are at the new Community Health Campus, the City will spend a total of \$300,000 on rent and parking after grant funding is reimbursed.

Please be aware that on **Friday, March 21, 2014**, the Department of HHS will not be issuing licenses due to the impending move.

Anyone with questions about the move should contact the Department of Health and Human Services at 201-547-6800.

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