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Steve Fulop Selected as One of Nation's Top Pro-Growth Progressive Leaders

Today, Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop was selected as one of twelve leaders from across the country to join the NewDEAL, a national network that is committed to highlighting innovative ideas from state and local elected leaders who are pro-growth progressives.

Governor Martin O'Malley of Maryland and U.S. Senator Mark Begich of Alaska, Honorary Chairs of the NewDEAL, recognized Mayor Fulop for his work to expand opportunity for all of us by prioritizing development in neighborhoods where it will have the biggest impact.

"Senator Begich and I have joined the NewDEAL because we believe we need to look for fresh ideas not just from the top down in Washington, but also from the bottom up, where innovative leaders like Mayor Fulop are developing and testing their ideas out on the ground," said Governor O'Malley, Honorary Co-Chair of the NewDEAL.

"In communities throughout the country, state and local leaders such as Mayor Fulop are proving that you can be both pro-growth and progressive. The NewDEAL is designed to foster these types of ideas and these types of leaders," said Senator Begich, Honorary Co-Chair of the NewDEAL.

First as a councilman, and now as a Mayor, Steven Fulop has been committed to developing and implementing smart policies that stimulate economic growth, while also providing assistance to those who need it. In Jersey City, Mayor Fulop has launched policy initiatives that look to create broad-based prosperity and growth, giving working families a chance at upward mobility, such as implementing the first New Jersey mandatory earned sick leave law, or providing a second chance to those who need it through a nationally recognized prison reentry program.

At the same time, Mayor Fulop is working to spread the benefits of real estate development to all neighborhoods by implementing a tiered tax abatement policy that offers incentives for building in target areas.

"A lot of people say that's impossible, that you have to choose between policy which helps grow business and policy which helps those in need," said Mayor Fulop. "But you can have both, and we're doing both in Jersey City. Even though I've implemented these and other socially conscious policies, our economy and population are growing fast. We've got the lowest unemployment out of every big city in the state and we're outpacing New Jersey and the United



States as a whole in recovering jobs."

"I am proud to be recognized by the NewDEAL for my work to expand opportunity for more people through promoting development in struggling neighborhoods and I lookforward to sharing ideas with my fellow NewDEAL Leaders and hearing about what's working best in their communities that can help us achieve further progress here in New Jersey," added Mayor Fulop.

Mayor Fulop is currently featured on the NewDEAL's interactive website at www.NewDEALLeaders.org/NewDEAL-Leaders/ Steve-Fulop. Along with Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald and Assemblyman Troy Singleton, he joins NewDEAL Honorary Regional Chair and U.S. Senator Cory Booker as one of our four NewDEAL Leaders from New Jersey.

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