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**EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR
OF THE
CITY OF JERSEY CITY**

CREATION OF THE MAYOR'S ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, there is a need to advance and develop the economy of the City of Jersey City and to promote policies that increase employment and business activity;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Jersey City is continually faced with economic decisions that impact the economy of the City of Jersey City;

WHEREAS, it is fundamental that the Mayor is able to access the best advice and counsel in formulating economic policy;

WHEREAS, a council of economic advisors comprising members from the academic, business and labor communities can examine economic conditions, provide an informed view of the economic impact of policy decisions, and make recommendations to the Mayor on economic issues;

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Jersey City by law, I issue the following Executive Order and hereby direct:

1. The establishment of an entity known as the Mayor's Council of Economic Advisors, hereinafter "the Council".
2. The Mayor shall appoint 5 members to the Council. Members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor for a term of 3-years. A vacancy on the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of that term.
3. The Mayor shall designate one member of the Council as the Chairperson.
4. The members of the Council shall come from:
 - i. Business Community – 4 members
 - ii. Academic Community – 1 member
 - iii. Organized Labor – 1 member
5. The Council shall report directly to the Mayor.

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6. The Mayor's Council of Economic Advisors is hereby charged to:

Gather timely and authoritative information concerning economic trends and developments, both current and forthcoming, including but not limited to the current and projected economic outlook for the City of Jersey City.

Evaluate the various programs and policies of City government to determine the extent they advance, and the extent they obstruct, the achievement of economic policy objectives that have a positive economic impact for Jersey City residents, businesses, and workers.

Evaluate the property-tax structure of Jersey City and determine the extent to which it encourages, or impedes, the advancement of Jersey City's economy and the fiscal efficiency of City government.

Assess Jersey City's competitiveness with neighboring markets in attracting and retaining businesses and jobs.

Develop a proposal for Jersey City's economic growth, including long- and short-term policy recommendations to promote economic growth and vitality in Jersey City.

Identify opportunities for creating employment for Jersey City residents.

Examine the finances and fiscal budget of Jersey City.

Develop and recommend to the Mayor economic policies that promote job creation and growth.

Provide other information or advice regarding the economy or economic policy as requested by the Mayor.

7. The Council is hereby authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of the City of Jersey City to supply it with data and other information or assistance it deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order.

8. Each department, officer, division or agency of the City is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Council and to furnish it with such data, information and assistance as is necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Order.

9. This order shall take effect immediately.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Healy", written in a cursive style.

JERRAMIAH T. HEALY
MAYOR

cc: Brian O'Reilly, Business Administrator
William Matsikoudis, Corporation Counsel
Robert Byrne, City Clerk
Paul Soyka, Chief Financial Officer