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Mayor Healy and Congressman Sires to Cut Ribbon on 67 Mixed Income Units at Barbara Place Terrace Lafayette Gardens Hope VI Project to Provide Quality Homes for Families in Need of Affordable Housing

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy**, members of the **Municipal Council**, **Congressman Albio Sires**, and other city officials will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at **10:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday, March 4, 2009** in the new community room at **Barbara Place Terrace, 465 Pacific Avenue**.

The Barbara Place Terrace apartments will create 67 units of new mixed-income rental housing, with 16 of the units available for families earning up to \$20,850 per year, 22 units available for families earning up to \$34,750 per year, and 18 units available for families earning up to \$41,700 per year. Eleven units will be rented at market rates with no income restrictions. Five percent of the units are handicapped accessible.

“Gone are the structures that symbolize poverty,” said **Mayor Healy**. “The Barbara Place Terrace Apartments will replace the barracks-style public housing that once stood here with 56 affordable housing and 11 market-rate rental units which will help bring quality housing to the proud and hard-working families of Jersey City.”

Barbara Place Terrace Apartments are part of the Lafayette Gardens Hope VI Project which when complete, will replace 492 demolished public housing units with 274 new townhouse apartments and 83 senior apartments. The Barbara Place Terrace Apartments will feature architectural elements found throughout the historic Lafayette neighborhood.

“I’m proud to bring quality, sustainable affordable housing to Jersey City,” said **Mayor Healy**, “That’s what cities should do. Without more mixed-income housing in Jersey City, where will our middle and lower income families live? My administration and I are committed to making quality housing available at costs affordable to Jersey City residents.”

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The \$21 million project was funded through a combination of grants from the Jersey City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the city's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, with additional funding from the State of New Jersey New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency/New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) Balanced Housing Funds and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City of Jersey City provided \$1.1 million for the Lafayette Gardens hope VI project.

“The Barbara Place Terrace Apartments are more than just affordable housing,” said **Mayor Healy**. “They are a place for our residents who want to continue to live and raise their families in Jersey City to call home.”

The Barbara Place Terrace also features numerous sustainable amenities, including low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) paints and finishes, Energy Star rated appliances, insulation, and heating and cooling equipment. Additional “family-friendly” features include off-street parking and individual exterior storage sheds.

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