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Jersey City Attorney Kalimah Ahmad to be Sworn in as At-Large Councilwoman Council Vote Unanimously with 7-0 Vote to Appoint

JERSEY CITY – **Kalimah Ahmad**, who was confirmed tonight by a 7-0 vote of the City Council, will be sworn in tomorrow, **Thursday, February 10, 2011**, during an **11 a.m. ceremony** in Council Chambers, 280 Grove Street.

Ms. Ahmad will be sworn in by Jersey City Municipal Court Judge Cynthia Jackson.

A life-long resident of Jersey City, Ms. Ahmad is a graduate of James J. Ferris High School and Montclair State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in English and Teacher Education Certification as a Dean's List student. Ms. Ahmad received her Juris Doctorate in May 2005 from Seton Hall University School of Law, where she was a three-time recipient of the Hudson County Bar Association Scholarship Award.

"We are pleased that the City Council has confirmed Ms. Ahmad and we look forward to working with her on the important issues facing our city," said **Mayor Healy**.

Kalimah H. Ahmad, Esq. is the owner of a solo practice, The Law Office of Kalimah H. Ahmad, Esq., a General Practice Firm specializing in Civil Rights, Entertainment, Criminal and Redevelopment Law. She currently serves as Assistant County Counsel for the County of Hudson, New Jersey. She is Counsel for the Township of Irvington's Zoning Board of Adjustment and to the Hudson County Schools of Technology Foundation. Ms. Ahmad is the Regional Director of the Garden State Bar Association and is a Board Trustee for the Educational Arts Team in Jersey City, NJ.

Ms. Ahmad developed her legal experience as an Associate at the law firm of Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley. She was a member of the legal team for U.S. President Barack Obama during the Pennsylvania Primary, Newark Mayor Cory Booker Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healy and many other local, candidates during their elections. She was formerly employed by Jersey City Housing Authority as Youth Opportunities Coordinator, Merrill Lynch as a Client Associate, and at Sony's Urban World Films NY as legal intern. While working for the JCHA, Ms. Ahmad was the recipient of an award from the Jersey City Tenant Affairs Board for her "*Outstanding Service to the Youth of Public Housing*." She also served as intern to the late Honorable Shirley Tolentino, J.S.C., in the Hudson County Superior Court, Criminal Division.

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