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City Council to Vote on Advisory Board for Bayfront Redevelopment Project

Ward A Councilwoman Denise Ridley Advocates for Community Input on the Bayfront Project

JERSEY CITY – On Wednesday, the **Jersey City Council** will vote on a resolution to create an advisory board that will help guide the Bayfront Redevelopment project on Jersey City’s West Side. The advisory board, which has been proposed by Ward A Councilwoman Denise Ridley, will play an important role in the development of the largest mixed-income community in the region, which will help to transform the City’s West Side, while providing a variety of affordable housing options.

"At the next Council meeting, I am sponsoring a resolution to form an advisory committee for the Bayfront project," said Ward A Councilwoman Denise Ridley. "The committee will be comprised of City officials and community members. I believe it is important for the City and community to work together to make sure Bayfront is successful. I ran on the principle of an inclusive government and I still believe in those values."

The Advisory Board will operate for 15 years, and will consist of five members, the Mayor or his designee, the Ward A Councilperson, the Ward B Councilperson, and two community members.

"Our vision for the future of Jersey City’s West Side is innovative, inclusive, and instrumental to the growth of our City as a whole," said Mayor Fulop. "The new Bayfront Advisory Board will bring the community into this process, providing us with ideas and concerns that will help guide us to a thoughtful and equitable plan for the Bayfront site. As we continue to encourage the community to get engaged in the shaping of our City, I am confident that this board will provide an important and needed perspective for the future of this neighborhood."

In June, the City Council voted to authorize the purchase of the 95-acre property on the Hackensack River from Honeywell, as a way to control the future development of the site and to ensure it includes a large number of affordable units. Through this purchase, Mayor Steven Fulop expects that the development of the \$180 million property will serve as a national model of mixed-income development facilitated by city government.

The Bayfront site been in flux for the past several year, first going through a major contamination cleanup by Honeywell in the early 2000’s, and then coming to an agreement with the City in 2008 for a large-scale residential development to occupy the land post remediation. If approved, the City will bond \$180 million to purchase the land and built necessary infrastructure, after which they will partner with developers who will construct the mixed-use complex.

The Fulop Administration has continued to prioritize affordable housing throughout Jersey City. In addition to pushing for inclusivity and affordability on large developments such as this, Mayor Fulop has worked to provide affordable units to seniors and veterans as well. During the past five years, the Fulop Administration has created or preserved more housing than any administration in the City's history.

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