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Mayor Fulop, City Council and Office of Diversity & Inclusion to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at City Hall; Event Will Feature Music, Dance & Food that Highlights Hispanic Culture

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop, Councilman-at-Large Daniel Rivera and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion are proud to host the Celebration of Hispanic Heritage in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10th in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 280 Grove Street.

“The Hispanic community is a large and vital part of our community and it is an honor to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month here at City Hall,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “The many cultures and traditions of the Hispanic community are an invaluable asset to Jersey City, and I encourage all of our residents and neighbors to participate in this great event.”

The Hispanic Heritage celebration will not only honor the Hispanic community’s achievements, but will also highlight their unique contributions to society, and most importantly, the heritage and vibrant cultural traditions of the Hispanic community will be shared with all of Jersey City.

The ceremony will feature a performance by Cuban-American opera singer, Giselle Bellas, who will sing the National Anthem, a traditional dance ensemble from Liberty High School, a women’s salsa dance team from Salsa Fever on2 Dance Academy and a fashion show of traditional outfits representing each country will be provided by Strike a Pose Studio. Also during the ceremony, several individuals of the Hispanic community will be honored for their leadership and contributions.

“I am proud to celebrate my Hispanic heritage with the entire Jersey City community as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage month,” said **Councilman-At-Large Daniel Rivera**. “This is a great opportunity to learn more about the contributions made by the Hispanic community and I want to thank all of our sponsors and participants.”

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During the celebration, guests are encouraged to visit the Hispanic Heritage Exhibition on the 2nd floor rotunda as part of the Studio Art Tour, featuring the 32BJ Art Committee. The artists make up a diverse group of members from a variety of backgrounds, including from, Bolivia, Bosnia, Columbia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Vincent's & the Grenadines, United States and Venezuela. The 32BJ Art Committee was formed in 2006 by SEIU union members to showcase their artistic talents. The gallery will remain on display throughout the Hispanic Heritage Month long celebration.

Following the ceremony there will be refreshments provided by Banyan Café, Taco Mobile, O Lala Empanadas & International Cuisine, d La Conguita Restaurant, La Isla Bonita Restaurant, Angel Azul Bakery Café, Carmen Rosa Bakery, Argentina Bakery Inc., Yulie's Place, and El Boricua Lechonera.

Hispanic Heritage month was created to recognize the important contributions of the Hispanic community in the United States and to celebrate their rich heritage and cultural traditions. During the event we will recognize the following countries; Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rice, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, España, Guatamala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, República Dominicana, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

This event is sponsored by Nu Flavor Kutz Barbershop and Ihop.

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