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***Mayor Fulop to be Joined by Distinguished Federal and State Officials for
Opening of Jersey City's Prisoner Re-Entry Center "Martin's Place"
Speakers to Include U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Senator Robert
Menendez, Governor Chris Christie & NAACP National President Cornell Brooks***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop will be joined by several distinguished federal and state officials for the opening of **Martin's Place**, Jersey City's new prisoner re-entry center, from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** on **Monday, Sept. 15th, 2014**, at **398 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive**.

Special guests include U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, former New Jersey Governors Jim McGreevey and Tom Kean, as well as the NAACP National President Cornell Brooks.

"We are thrilled to be joined by such a distinguished group of leaders and prisoner re-entry advocates for the opening of Martin's Place," said **Mayor Fulop**. "We are creating a national prisoner re-entry model here in Jersey City and know that having a center where participants can receive the necessary resources and support is critical. This will be a site of transformation for the lives of many and a place where those seeking a second chance will be welcomed and encouraged each step of the way."

Jersey City's re-entry program, which works in collaboration with the Hudson County Correctional Center, is the first of its kind in New Jersey and serves as a national model for reintegration by coordinating necessary services for this diverse population. The goal is to coordinate and streamline a myriad of reintegration tools to provide clients with addiction treatment, sober housing, and employment training.

The center will assist the unemployed and ex-offenders with addiction recovery, and transitional housing, as well as job training and employment. It will be a home of second chances, which will assist people in living productive lives through faith, recovery, and work.

"Martin's Place will provide addiction treatment, transitional housing and employment opportunities," said **former Governor Jim McGreevey and Executive Director of the Jersey City Employment and Training Program**. "Most importantly, it is a place of hope and change for those yearning for a second chance. With God's grace and hard work, all things are possible."

The public is invited to attend the grand opening and support the Jersey City's prisoner re-entry program, which will be a focus of the work of the Jersey City Employment and Training Program.

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