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## *Mayor Healy To Appoint First Filipino American & Asian American to Position of Chief Judge of the Jersey City Municipal Court*

**JERSEY CITY** – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy announced today that he will appoint **Carlo Abad, a Filipino American**, to the position of **Chief Judge of the Jersey City Municipal Court**.

Abad, who has served as a judge in the Municipal Court since 2008, will replace outgoing Chief Judge Nesle Rodriguez, who has been appointed to serve as a Superior Court Judge.

“Carlo Abad has an outstanding record that includes five years as a Jersey City Municipal Court Judge, as well as experience in the Newark Prosecutor’s Office, the Jersey City Prosecutor’s Office, the Essex County Prosecutor’s Office and the US Attorney’s Office,” said **Mayor Healy**. “I know he will do an excellent job leading this court, which is one of the busiest in the state.”

Abad makes history as he is promoted to Chief Judge, as he will be the first Filipino American and Asian American Chief Judge of the Jersey City Municipal Court. Mayor Healy’s appointment requires confirmation by the City Council and will be heard at their meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 13th.

Replacing Abad, who was a full-time judge at the Court, will be Radames “Ray” Velasquez, a former Jersey City At-Large Councilman who has previously served as a part-time Municipal Court judge. A graduate of Rutgers College and the University of Notre Dame Law School, Ray Velazquez has operated his own law practice and also served as a partner in a prominent New Jersey law firm.

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