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### **MAYOR HEALY & JERSEY CITY HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMERCE TO HOST ARTIST HOUSING LOTTERY DRAWING**

JERSEY CITY, NJ – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, and the Department of Housing, Economic Development & Commerce (HEDC) will hold a lottery drawing for artists for units located at 159 Second Street, Waldo Lofts, in the Powerhouse Arts District in downtown Jersey City. The drawing will take place on Tuesday, February 6th, at City Hall Council Chambers at 10 a.m.

Mayor Healy will preside over the lottery for seven work live units that are for sale below market rate to artists who were certified by the Jersey City Artist Certification Board and who met the qualifications for the program set by the City of Jersey City and the Department of Housing, Economic Development & Commerce. Approximately 40 applicants will be included, with preference given to certified artists who reside in Jersey City.

“We are pleased that the partnership between private business, government, and the artist community continues to progress the Powerhouse Arts District initiative,” said Mayor Healy. “A thriving Powerhouse Arts District will serve to nourish the artists’ endeavors here, which ultimately adds to Jersey City’s allure as a destination location.”

“The lottery for The Waldo Lofts Work Live Units continues the city’s commitment to the Powerhouse Arts District Redevelopment Plan to fill a niche for those artists who normally could not afford to live in this historic district,” said Barbara Netchert, Director of HEDC.

A total of fourteen artists have been housed since the first Powerhouse Artist Lottery drawing took place in 2005; six in purchased units at 140 Bay Street and eight in rentals located at 150 Bay Street.

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