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# Jim McGreevey's plan for Improving Public Safety



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*Join us for the National Night Out event to promote police-community partnerships and to make our neighborhoods safer!*

**THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY HOSTS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME  
IN FOUR PARKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.  
ALL EVENTS ARE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, FROM 6:30 PM - 9 PM.**

➔ **PERSHING FIELD**

201 Central Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07307

➔ **HAMILTON PARK**

25 West Hamilton Place, Jersey City, NJ 07302

➔ **ARLINGTON PARK**

407 Arlington Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07302

➔ **AUDUBON PARK**

18 Audubon Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07305

## National Night Out

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

**6:30 PM to 9 PM**

A Better Life Ministry  
129 Linden Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07305



**PROUDLY ENDORSED BY:**

**JERSEY CITY POLICE OFFICERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION  
JERSEY CITY POLICE SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

**Public safety is a fundamental and core function of any local government.** Police officers and law enforcement officials form a critical foundation for our local governments, and major urban areas present unique challenges to maintaining safe, orderly, and peaceful communities.

Jersey City is the second largest city in New Jersey, and it is critically important to ensure that our public safety is robust, effective, and follows best practices. Jersey City must improve public safety policies and protocols, maintain transparency with the public on the City's management of crime, and further support our law enforcement in protecting residents.

If I am elected mayor, I will take the following and other steps to improve public safety in our city:

***Read the full plan inside*** ➔



Transparency and Visibility

1 IMPLEMENT A FULL REDESIGN OF THE JERSEY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE

The current website for the Jersey City Police Department is highly deficient and inadequate in its organization, accessibility, and the information presented. Even a cursory review of other police department websites, such as that of the New York Police Department, demonstrates the insufficiency of the JCPD’s webpage.

As part of this redesign, the JCPD will have a dedicated website, which will include information on policies, police leadership and administration, precinct locations, divisions and bureaus of the JCPD, services, statistics, and public announcements/notices.

2 READOPT COMPSTAT, UPDATE THE SYSTEM DAILY, AND MAKE IT EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

In June 2018, Jersey City stopped updating COMPSTAT, a police management system developed by the NYPD and used by numerous other police departments. The COMPSTAT system will be readopted with NYPD’s CompStat 2.0 system as a model for implementation; present all relevant categories; be easily readable to the public; and updated daily.

3 EXPAND ACCESS TO PRESS OFFICIALS AND IMPLEMENT A ROBUST MEDIA CENTER

The redesigned website of the JCPD will have a dedicated location for all media and other information intended for the public, including press releases, announcements, notices, traffic advisories, reports, guidelines for press officials, and videos (e.g., body camera footage). The JCPD will also respond to any request in less than 24 hours.

4 INCREASE PRESENCE AND VISIBILITY OF THE JCPD

The JCPD must implement a high-visibility enforcement approach, which combines enforcement, visibility elements, and a publicity strategy to inform the public and increase voluntary compliance with our laws. The JCPD will assign marked police cruisers and motorcycles to remain stationed in strategic locations in our neighborhoods.

In addition, the JCPD will establish small, community police stations in strategic location to allow for residents to access police services where they might be otherwise inaccessible. The physical locations of our police should be expanded beyond the four present stations.

Traffic Control

1 ENFORCE THE TRAFFIC CODE/TRAFFIC BUREAU

The JCPD must increase enforcement of the traffic code. To do so, an analysis and revaluation of the JCPD’s protocols and current police officer deployment model will be necessary. For example, the current model of “fixed posts,” where police officers are stationed at physical locations for entire or a significant portion of shifts, must be shifted to a flexible model.

The JCPD will also establish a dedicated Traffic Bureau as well as the decommissioned Motorcycle Unit to address traffic complaint enforcement, high congestion traffic control, accident reduction, and special event traffic control. To measure progress, the JCPD will regularly publish traffic data (e.g., the number of traffic stops, the location of traffic stops in each ward/district, the type of traffic violation, the number of tickets issued) on its website.

2 EXPAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

I will initiate an audit of all public transportation services, which will set forth those areas in Jersey City which do not have adequate service and require dependence upon a personal vehicle for travel. No person should be walking more than ideally 10 minutes or 1/2-mile to access transit.

3 REGULATE MOTORBIKES AND INSTALL MORE BIKE RACKS

Jersey City will regulate e-bikes, mopeds, and motorbikes that race across the City and have risked pedestrian and rider safety. We will also expand and install bike racks in strategic locations to allow for individuals to safely leave their bicycle when entering stores, going to work, or visiting others.

4 IMPLEMENT A NEW ROAD REPAIR POLICY AND REQUIRE USE OF UTILITY REPAIR TAGS

Many road surfaces in Jersey City are in poor condition. We must implement a new road repair policy, where certain types of utility cuts or road repairs will automatically require a full-street re-pavement, instead of merely repaving a small section of the road surface.

In addition, I will seek to implement the use of utility repair tags, where a physical tag/marker is placed in the repaved section of the road after a utility or other contractor works there. This change would allow for greater accountability and for the particular entity who completed such work to be more easily identified.

1 PUBLISH 911 EMERGENCY PHONE CALL STATISTICS INTO THE ONLINE DATA SYSTEM

Jersey City has not published any data on 911 service calls since 2017, leaving the public with very little information as to how the City’s 911 Call Center is able to respond to emergencies.

To inform the public as to the City’s ability to address crime and respond to emergencies, the JCPD will publish the following and other information regularly: the number of emergency phone calls, the type of emergencies for which calls were made, the time taken to answer the phone call, and the time taken for police to respond.

2 INCREASE BUDGET FOR THE 911 CALL CENTER

The 911 Call Center in Jersey City has been repeatedly characterized by overworked and underpaid staff members, long phone call wait-times, and mismanagement. Although the City has hired new employees this year, these problems persist.

If I am elected mayor, I will seek to increase the budget for the call center to increase retention and address the unacceptably low staffing levels.

3 IMPLEMENT “ARRIVE TOGETHER”

Jersey City will implement the “Arrive Together” program as a best practice. This program, developed by the Attorney General of New Jersey, pairs mental health professionals with law enforcement officers when responding to behavioral health crises.



To learn more about Jim’s vision for Jersey City, and to sign up for updates, please visit:

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McGreevey gets endorsements of two Jersey City police unions

Union leader says McGreevey comes from three generations of Jersey City police

