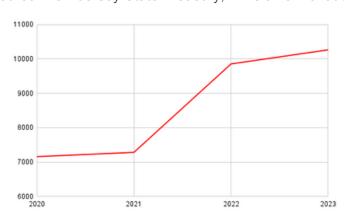
## HIGH TAXES, RENT, & SPENDING NEED TO CHANGE IN JERSEY CITY

#### Average Residential Tax Bill in Jersey City

Source: New Jersey State Treasury, Division of Taxation



The average residential tax bill went from **\$7,409** to **\$10,560** within 3 years!

THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO AN OVER

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**42% INCREASE** 

DURING THAT PERIOD

Jersey City rents are more than

## **DOUBLE**

the national average.

\$3,290

June 2024 Jersey City average for a 1 bedroom apartment rental. (Source: USA Today)

**\$1,526** 

June 2024 national average for a 1 bedroom apartment rental.

(Source: USA Today)

Jersey City, New Jersey had the second highest average rent at **\$3,290** a month for a one-bedroom apartment.

(Source: USA Today)

#### Most expensive places to rent

1. New York City: \$4,300

2.Jersey City: \$3,290

3. San Francisco: \$2,960

4. Boston: \$2,800

5. Miami: \$2,800

6.San Jose: \$2,520

7. Arlington, Virginia: \$2,410

8. San Diego: \$2,350

9. Los Angeles: \$2,340

10. Washington, DC: \$2,300

1 Bedroom Apartment in Jersey City

\$1,649

····> \$3,073

2024

(Source: ApartmentAdvisor National Rent Report)

## **WASTE**

#### **CENTRE POMPIDOU X JERSEY CITY**

\$58 million in state aid

Up to **\$30 million** in renovations

Up to \$15 million operating costs

## **PRIORITY**

Reducing City Debt

Repairing Jersey City Schools

Recreation Centers

Athletic Fields



In less than one year after McGreevey took office, "faced with a weakened financial position, the Township's newly elected administration has demonstrated their commitment to restoring fiscal balance" and noted that Woodbridge "Township's debt burden remains below average"

## JERSEY CITY'S BUDGET IN CRISIS

\$94 million budget shortfall

\$219 million in deferred charges



Property taxes have skyrocketed by 51% since 2021



\$73 + million overspent between 2021–2023

## THESE AREN'T ONE-TIME MISTAKES — THEY'RE SYSTEMIC FAILURES:

- \$3.1 million in payroll tax overpaid to the IRS and State of New Jersey and never recovered
- City failed to balance its own checkbook or reconcile bank statements
- No city vehicle inventory tracking since 2019 no one knows what's missing
- City health benefits paid without confirming employees were still on payroll

THIS IS NOT LEADERSHIP — IT'S NEGLIGENCE.

# AREALPLAN

## AN EXPERIENCED LEADER

- Zero-Based Budgeting Every dollar must be justified from the ground up
- ★ Transparency & Accountability Publish audits online, let taxpayers see how their money is spent
- ★ Smart Use of Grants
  Properly manage state and
  federal funds to support
  services
- ★ Cut Waste & Improve Efficiency Conduct performance audits & fix broken purchasing systems
- ★ Reduce Debt & Borrowing Limit bond usage and refinance to lower interest costs



