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***Jersey City to Launch First Ever Open Data Portal;
Significant Step Towards Improving Government
Transparency and Access to Information***

JERSEY CITY- Mayor Steven M. Fulop announced today the launch of the City's first open data portal to increase access to information and transparency. Jersey City is also partnering with the City of Newark and Rutgers University to launch a statewide open data portal on Thursday.

Located on the Jersey City website, the open data portal will provide a variety of data including operational data, locations of municipal services or other landmarks, and a variety of other miscellaneous information.

The City's new data portal will make finding data easier and streamline the transfer of information by actively publishing a variety of data sets in a single easy to navigate location on the city website.

"Our administration is committed to providing residents with important information on municipal operations and increasing transparency and the new data portal is a key tool," said **Mayor Fulop**. "Data will be updated regularly, will include a variety of information and resources and will be used by both residents and city officials to track progress."

The open data portal, available at <http://www.jerseycitynj.gov/data.aspx>, provides a central location for the public to view and download data gathered on functions and operations of city departments.

A key feature of the portal, which is still in development, will be a budget visualization tool that will provide a granular look into municipal revenues and expenses over time. The portal will also include maps of key landmarks throughout Jersey City, including bike lanes, murals, police and fire stations, and ward boundaries, as well as a full set of all redevelopment plans for the city.

Jersey City is following in the footsteps of major cities across the country with Open Data Portals, such as New York City, Chicago, Boston, and Los Angeles.

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