



PRESS RELEASE

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"NO-KNOCK" REGISTRY COMMENCES IN JERSEY CITY

Jersey City, NJ - Starting on Tuesday, March 28th, Jersey City residents will be able to add their names to the City's No-Knock Registry.

On February 22nd, 2017, Council President Rolando Lavarro, Jr. introduced an ordinance establishing a No-Knock Registry in Jersey City. The Registry was established to protect homeowners from aggressive real estate soliciting, safeguard their privacy, and prevent potential criminal activity. The ordinance resulted from a series of meetings and collaborative effort that included the Council President Lavarro, Councilwoman-At-Large Joyce Watterman, community activists, and interfaith clergy members to announce new city legislation creating a "No-Knock Registry." The "No Knock" ordinance is meant to protect long-time homeowners who may feel harassed and vulnerable by overly aggressive real estate or other commercial solicitation. The Council unanimously adopted the ordinance at its March 8, 2017 Council meeting.

Council President Lavarro who led the effort said, "As Jersey City grows, this is an important first step to protect homeowners, particularly those of modest means and especially seniors, who may be targeted by unscrupulous solicitors."

As per the ordinance, the City Clerk will maintain a list of owners or occupants who have notified the city that canvassing or soliciting is not permitted on their property. Owners or occupants can sign on to the registry at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours at City Hall, 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302. Decals to affix for display on the premises and notifying solicitors of the no-knock prohibition will be provided to registrants within six weeks of registration.

Questions or inquiries about the No-Knock Registry can be directed to the City Clerk at (201) 547-5150.

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