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## *Jersey City Recreation Programs to Resume at Armory City Use of Armory Had Been Halted Due to Cut in State Funding*

**JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** announced today that city recreational activities held at the **Jersey City Armory**, which had been halted due to a cut in state funding, are set to resume later this month, in part thanks to the support of **State Senator Sandra Cunningham**.

In FY2010 the Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs received \$165,000 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services that was allocated to the city and enabled the Recreation Department to provide community programs & activities. In FY2011, the state cut that funding altogether.

“We contacted Sen. Cunningham, who facilitated numerous meetings with state officials, including officials from the Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs,” said **Mayor Healy**. “By working with our State Senator, we have been able to develop a plan that will allow the Recreation Department to continue to offer the important recreational programs at the Armory that are so needed in a city the size of Jersey City. Once again, a great thanks to Senator Cunningham and Major General Glenn K. Rieth.”

Although funding was cut, the state has agreed to accept a reduced fee from the city in the amount of \$75,000, which does not come directly from city coffers, but rather from a reimbursement from the state for recent renovations done at the Armory.

Additionally, the Recreation Department will assist with custodial & staffing issues at the Armory, where more than 400 Jersey City children partake in sports programs daily.

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“Recreational opportunities are critical for the positive development of our youth,” said **Sen. Cunningham**. “I was pleased to work on this issue, so that sports and other activities could resume at the Armory.”

In 1998, the city Recreation Department began utilizing the Armory, which is considered the premier indoor track facility in New Jersey. The Jersey City Armory serves all public/non-public schools in Jersey City, and the Recreation Department, in addition to track, conducts youth basketball programs, soccer, volleyball, and cheerleading programs, as well as numerous other recreational activities.

“The successes of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard have always derived from the community,” said **Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth**, the Adjutant General of New Jersey who oversees the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and serves as commander of the New Jersey National. “We are glad that our armory will help provide a safe environment for the children of Jersey City to enjoy.”

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