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MAYOR HEALY TO WELCOME A.S. BABAR HASHMI, CONSUL GENERAL OF PAKISTAN AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, and the Dept. of Health and Human Services/Division of Cultural Affairs will welcome the Honorable A. S. Babar Hashmi, Consul General of Pakistan at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at City Hall.

“The Pakistani community is a vital part of the cultural and economic fabric that makes up our ‘Tapestry of Nations,’” said Mayor Healy. “Jersey City is proud to welcome Honorable A. S. Babar Hashmi and is looking forward to building future partnerships with the Pakistani community.”

Since December 2009, Mr. A.S. Babar Hashmi has been the **Consul General of Pakistan at the Consulate General in New York**. Prior to joining the Consulate General in New York, Mr. Hashmi, a career diplomat, has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in Missions abroad in various capacities, such as the Director General, Director, and Desk Officer. Overseas, his diplomatic assignments include those in the Embassy of Pakistan, Berne, the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations in Geneva, the Embassy of Pakistan, Rome, Pakistan High Commission, Abuja, and the Embassy of Pakistan, Belgrade.

Among his numerous accolades, Mr. Hashmi has represented Pakistan in numerous international and regional conferences. He is a graduate of the Government College, Lahore (University), Pakistan and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts / Harvard Universities, USA.

The event, held in collaboration with the **Pakistani Americans in Jersey City** and the **Subcontinent Peace Foundation**, will also include a proclamation presentation to **Amer K Syed, M.D.**, Assistant Program Director at Jersey City Medical Center on behalf of the Subcontinent Peace Foundation for his service to the community. Dr. Syed was one of the first responders of the US Air plane that crash landed in Hudson last year, where he treated the patients that were brought in New Jersey. Dr. Amer Syed also volunteered his time by leading a team of doctors to aide in the Haiti disaster and assisted in emergency services with the United Nations group.

Dr. Amer Syed was born and educated in Jersey City. He is a graduate of Saint Peters Prep and Seton Hall University, and now paying back to the community by serving in the medical field.

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As part of the event, two television networks, GEO and ARY, will be honored for their services to the community and for their role in helping bridge the gap between the Pakistani and American communities.

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