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***Two Jersey City Artists to Display Work at City Hall
Photographer Mike McNamara and Painter
Marco Beria deliver a powerful show***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy will host an opening reception for two well-known Jersey City artists from **6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at City Hall, 280 Grove Street.**

The exhibit, which is displayed on the second and third floors of City Hall, is a powerful show that residents and visitors to Jersey City should not miss, Mayor Healy said.

“Mr. McNamara’s photographs of lighting storms show us how dramatic and beautiful Mother Nature can be,” said **Mayor Healy**. “And then there are the photographs of the Tower of Light tribute to the victims at Ground Zero, which brings to mind the feelings one had in the days and months following 9-11.”

Mike McNamara is a self-taught professional photographer who got his start by photographing concerts. He attributes his success as a photographer to his keen eye and unique approach at looking at the world around him.

Born in Venezuela, Marco Beria is not only a talented painter but a renowned thespian as well. A graduate of the National School of Theater of Venezuela, Marco Beria has performed as an actor with several Venezuelan theater groups before coming to the United States.

Mr. Beria also holds a B.A. in film production from Hunter College in New York, where he has produced and directed numerous films, videos and theater projects. He also worked as a producer for The Children’s Television Workshop, which is best known for the children’s program ‘Sesame Street.’

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On display are several of Mr. Beria's abstract paintings, as well as a piece or two that reflect nature or act as a political commentary.

The reception is free and open to the public and handicap accessible. Refreshments will be served.

The show, which is curated by City Hall Art Curator Greg Brickey, will run through the end of the month. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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