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Mayor Healy to Join Community Leaders to Raise Support for Victims of Hurricane Noel Leaders Hope to Raise Funds and Goods from Local Business Community to bring Relief to the Dominican Republic

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy will join local community leaders and a representative of the Dominican Consulate in their announcement tonight of a relief effort geared toward the victims of Hurricane Noel at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, 2007 at the Puertorriquenos Asociados for Community Organization (PACO) Community Center, 396 Manila Avenue.

PACO is working directly with the Hudson County Chapter of the American Red Cross, who can best assess the needs of the Dominican Republic following last week's devastating hurricane.

“As leaders, it is our duty to bring aid and assistance to those people who have been touched by this terrible hurricane,” Mayor Healy said. “The United States knows the damage a hurricane such as Noel can cause, and we must lend our support when we can.”

In addition to Mayor Healy, Hudson County Freeholder and Executive Director of PACO Eliu Rivera will attend the press conference and pledge support in raising relief for the victims of Hurricane Noel.

According to media reports, Hurricane Noel hit the Caribbean last week with heavy rain causing floods and landslides, leaving at least 134 dead. The Dominican Republic was hit particularly hard, and is need of water treatment equipment that could provide clean water for 10,000 displaced people.

At tonight's press conference an announcement will be made of what items the American Red Cross is looking for from the public.

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