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NEWS RELEASE

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(Chicago)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **Jersey City Housing Authority** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.



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**Certificate of  
Achievement  
for Excellence  
in Financial  
Reporting**

Presented to

**Jersey City Housing Authority  
New Jersey**

For its Comprehensive Annual  
Financial Report  
for the Fiscal Year Ended

**March 31, 2016**

Executive Director/CEO



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# **AWARD OF FINANCIAL REPORTING ACHIEVEMENT**

*to*

**Office of the CFO**  
Finance Department  
Jersey City Housing Authority, New Jersey



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Executive Director

Date February 23, 2017



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## AWARD OF FINANCIAL REPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

*to*

**Samuel Moolayil**

Chief Financial Officer

Jersey City Housing Authority, New Jersey



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March 10, 2017

Samuel Moolayil  
Chief Financial Officer  
Jersey City Housing Authority  
400 US Highway #1 (Marion Gardens)  
2nd Floor  
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Dear Mr. Moolayil:

We are pleased to notify you that your 2016 fiscal year end comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) qualifies for GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment. Congratulations for having satisfied the high standards of the program. We hope that your example will encourage others in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

A "Summary of Grading" form and a confidential list of comments and suggestions for possible improvements are enclosed. It is strongly encouraged the recommended improvements be implemented into the next report and the report be submitted to the program within six months of your next fiscal year end. Certificate of Achievement Program policy requires that written responses to the comments and suggestions for improvement accompany the next fiscal year's submission. The written responses should provide details about how each item is addressed within this report. These responses will be provided to those Special Review Committee members participating in the review. If a comment is unclear or there appears to be a discrepancy, please contact the Technical Services Center at (312) 977-9700 and ask to speak with a Certificate of Achievement Program in-house reviewer.

When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the Certificate. An AFRA is enclosed for the preparer as designated on the application.

Continuing participants will find a Certificate and brass medallion enclosed with these results. First-time recipients will find a Certificate enclosed with these results and will receive a plaque in about 10 weeks. You may arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and we hope that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release has been enclosed.

A current holder of a Certificate of Achievement may include a reproduction of the Certificate in its immediately subsequent CAFR. A camera-ready copy of your Certificate is enclosed for that purpose. If you reproduce your Certificate in your next report, please refer to the enclosed instructions. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year.

A Certificate of Achievement Program application is posted on GFOA's website. This application must be completed and accompany your next submission. See sections III and IV of the application for instructions. **The entity's GFOA membership number appears on the attached comments and must be listed on the application.** Your continued interest in and support of the Certificate of Achievement Program is most appreciated. If we may be of any further assistance, please contact the Technical Services Center at (312) 977-9700.

Sincerely,

Todd Buikema  
Acting Director, Technical Services Center