

## Prospectus for the NJCU President's Community Advisory Council

The NJCU President's Community Advisory Council is a pivotal initiative that will bridge the gap between the university and the local community and formalize the engagements of the last 18 months. By fostering collaboration, transparency, and shared responsibility, the council will contribute to the growth and well-being of both NJCU and the community it serves. This council represents a commitment to working together for a brighter, more connected future.

### Introduction:

The New Jersey City University (NJCU) President's Community Advisory Council is a strategic initiative designed to strengthen the relationship between NJCU and the surrounding community. This advisory council aims to foster mutual trust, collaboration, and support, ensuring that the university and the community work together to achieve shared goals. The council will serve as a platform for dialogue, partnership, and collective action, benefiting both NJCU students and the local community.

### Mission:

The mission of the NJCU President's Community Advisory Council is to enhance the university's engagement with the local community through collaborative initiatives, transparent communication, and shared responsibility. The council aims to build a stronger, more connected community that supports educational excellence, economic development and mobility, and a justice-oriented inclusive and equitable social well-being.

### Objectives:

1. Strengthen Community Relations:
  - a. Develop and maintain strong relationships between NJCU and local community leaders, organizations, businesses, and residents.
  - b. Promote mutual understanding and respect through regular communication and collaborative efforts.
2. Enhance Student and Community Engagement:
  - a. Create opportunities for NJCU students to engage with the local community through service learning, internships, and volunteer activities.
  - b. Encourage community members to participate in university events, programs, and initiatives.
3. Foster Economic and Social Development and Mobility:
  - a. Collaborate on projects that promote economic growth, job creation, and social progress in the local area.
  - b. Support initiatives that address community challenges such as education, health, and housing.

4. Promote Transparency and Accountability:
  - a. Ensure open lines of communication between NJCU and the community, providing updates on university activities and developments.
  - b. Establish mechanisms for feedback and accountability to address community concerns and suggestions.

#### Structure and Membership:

1. Council Composition:
  - a. The council will be composed of a diverse group of members, including NJCU leadership, faculty, students, and representatives from local government, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community groups.
2. Leadership:
  - a. The council will be chaired by the NJCU President.
3. Membership Criteria:
  - a. Members will be selected based on their commitment to community engagement, leadership qualities, and ability to contribute to the council's mission.
4. Terms of Service:
  - a. Members will serve for a term of two years, with the possibility of renewal based on their contribution and engagement.

#### Activities and Initiatives:

1. Regular Meetings:
  - a. The council will meet quarterly to discuss progress, address challenges, and plan future activities.
  - b. Meetings will include updates from NJCU, presentations from community members, and collaborative discussions.
2. Community Forums and Events:
  - a. Organize public forums, town hall meetings, and community events to encourage dialogue and collaboration.
  - b. Host meetings on topics of mutual interest, such as education, economic development, and public health.

3. Collaborative Projects:
  - a. Identify and implement joint projects that benefit both NJCU and the community, such as beautification efforts, educational programs, and community service initiatives.
  - b. Pursue funding opportunities and grants to support these projects.
4. Student Involvement:
  - a. Encourage NJCU students to participate in council activities, providing them with leadership opportunities and real-world experience.
  - b. Develop programs that connect students with local organizations and businesses.

Outcomes and Impact:

1. Strengthened Relationships:
  - a. Increased trust and collaboration between NJCU and the local community.
2. Enhanced Student Experience:
  - a. Greater opportunities for student engagement, learning, and professional development.
3. Community Development:
  - a. Tangible improvements in economic, social, and educational outcomes in the local area.
4. Mutual Benefits:
  - a. Shared successes that highlight the value of partnership and collective effort.