

Mayor Steven M. Fulop



On July 1st, 2013, Steven M. Fulop took office as the 49th Mayor of Jersey City.

The son of immigrants, Steven Fulop grew up in Edison, NJ. Like many kids of small business owners, he worked alongside his father at the family's Newark delicatessen. His mother – the daughter of Holocaust survivors – worked at an immigration services office, helping others gain a piece of the American Dream.

Steven attended Binghamton University, spent time studying at Oxford University in England, and graduated in 1999. After starting a career at Goldman Sachs in Chicago, he transferred back to New Jersey and bought a home in Jersey City.

When he witnessed the devastating attacks of September 11, 2001, Steve made the life-altering decision to leave his job at Goldman Sachs and enlist in the United States Marine Corps. As a member of the 6th Engineer Support Battalion, he was deployed to Iraq. Steven and his unit were awarded the Overseas Service Ribbon, Meritorious Masts, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Steve came home a profoundly changed person to a profoundly changed nation, but his need to serve remained. He focused it on his own community, where he became president of both the Historic Paulus Hook Association and the Downtown Coalition of Neighborhood Associations.

In 2004, Steve came to the attention of then-Mayor Glenn D. Cunningham, who persuaded and supported him in a primary run against Democratic Senator Robert Menendez. Although that campaign was unsuccessful, Steve's enthusiasm for the political process led to a run for City Council in 2005. His upset victory over the incumbent Ward E councilman made Steven the youngest elected official on the Jersey City council and the third youngest in the history of Jersey City.

For the first two years on the City Council, Steven donated his council salary to the York Street Project<<http://www.yorkstreetproject.org/>>, a non-profit that helps women and children break the cycle of poverty. During that first term, he also earned both his master's in Business Administration from New York University's Stern School of Business and his master's in Public Administration from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs

In 2006, he combined his passions for long distance running and civic involvement by racing in the New York City Marathon, raising \$16,000 for the Hudson County Child Abuse Prevention Center<<http://www.hccapc.org/>>. In 2012, he competed in the Ironman U.S. Championship, a 140-mile triathlon that combined swimming, biking, and running. This time, he raised more than \$17,000 for Reserve Aid<<http://reserveaid.org/>>, which benefits the families of deployed soldiers.

On May 14th, 2013, Steven won a decisive victory over incumbent Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy.