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**MAYOR THOMAS M. ROACH AND FRIENDS OF THE WHITE PLAINS YOUTH BUREAU
TO HOLD CHAMPIONS FOR YOUTH SUMMER JOBS PRESS CONFERENCE**

White Plains, NY – May 9, 2016: Mayor Thomas M. Roach will launch the 2016 City of White Plains Champions of Youth Summer Jobs Program with a Press Conference on Wednesday, May 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the White Plains Education and Training Center, located at 303 Quarropas Avenue in White Plains.

Named Champions for Summer Jobs are: Attorney Steven R. Kramer, Eckert Seamans, Cherin & Melott, LLC; Michael Flynn, Managing Director, Showcase Cinema de Lux City Center 15; Jessie Lopez Manager White Plains Shop Rite Supermarket; Michael Traynor, Associate Relations Manager, Business Baking Webster Bank; Hugh G. Jasne, Esq, Jasne & Florio, L.L.P.; Gail Jasne, Esq., Jasne & Florio, L.L.P.; Anne Nielsen, Director Human Resources Westchester Country Club; Donovan Beckford, Director Westchester County Office of Employment and Training and Ebony White, Director of Workforce & Employee Development, Business Council of Westchester.

Mayor Roach said, “It is critical that our young people be engaged in positive and meaningful work and educational experiences during the summer months. When we help a teen secure a summer job we are investing in their future. A summer job places a young person on a trajectory in which they will not only earn an income but also develop work skills and a work ethic that will help prepare them for a successful career.”

For these reasons Mayor Roach is calling on the White Plains business community to support the Champions of Youth Summer Jobs Program by opening their door to a teen for a summer job or contribute resources toward their employment.

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The Co-Chairs of the Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau Summer Jobs program are Renee Willis Smith and Sandra Johnson Austin. Renee and Sandra acknowledge that the summer can be extremely challenging for youth. This is especially true of Black and Latino youth, who often experience greater than average difficulty finding a summer job. The unemployment rate for Black and Latino teens is around 15% in our area. The basic office, interpersonal and professional skills developed over the course of several years of summer employment contribute toward greater self-confidence and the drive to stay in school, which in turn leads to better long-term employment opportunities.

The Champions of Summer Jobs Program is collaboration with the Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau, a 501 C 3 Not for Profit organization that provides resources and support to the White Plains Youth Bureau to help meet the needs of White Plains youth.

For more information about how you can help support the Summer Jobs Program contact Frank Williams, Jr., Executive Director, White Plains Youth Bureau, at (914) 422-1378.

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