RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees authorizes the General Counsel to renew four existing contracts on behalf of John Jay College of Criminal Justice to provide services for the NYC Justice Corps. These contracts were initially authorized by the Board in Calendar Number 3.A on April 30, 2012, and renewal contracts for additional terms ending on June 30, 2016 were subsequently authorized by the Board in Calendar Number 3.C. on September 29, 2014. An additional renewal term for one year was authorized by the Board in Calendar Number 3.E. on March 21, 2016. The additional renewal term authorized hereby shall be one year (to June 30, 2018), with the option to renew for another one-year term (to June 30, 2019) or portion thereof, based on the availability of funding. Such purchase shall not exceed a total estimated cost of $2,600,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, using funds allocated by the City of New York for this purpose. The contract shall be subject to approval by the University Office of General Counsel.

EXPLANATION: John Jay College of Criminal Justice will use these funds for the continued operation of the NYC Justice Corps in targeted New York City communities with high rates of poverty and young adult involvement in the criminal justice system. The NYC Justice Corps is a collaborative initiative that The City University of New York is engaging in with the New York City Center for Economic Opportunity (NYC CEO) as a demonstration project to reduce poverty and reduce recidivism among youth ages 18 to 24 by setting them on the path toward higher levels of education, dignified work, and meaningful participation in civic life. The initiative also seeks to enhance the capacity of New York City neighborhoods most affected by justice system involvement to support the successful reentry and reintegration of their own young people into the life of the community and the labor market of New York City.

NYC CEO requests that John Jay College renew the NYC Justice Corps contracts in order to have time to conduct a program evaluation to aid the City in determining whether to provide future funding for the program. If the City elects to continue funding the program, then the option to renew contracts for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) will make it possible to continue program operations and serve existing participants appropriately while a new RFP and competitive bidding process takes place.