

## Orange Mayor-elect Eldridge Hawkins, Jr.

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**Orange Mayor-elect Eldridge Hawkins creates opportunity for unprecedented citizen participation in shaping the city's new administration. Invites residents and businesses to attend public meetings of transition team.**

### **Statement by Eldridge Hawkins**

“One of the best ways to restore confidence in our government is to open up decision-making to public participation. Even before I take office on July 1, I am creating the groundwork for unprecedented levels of public involvement.

“As a first step, my transition team will be holding public meetings in different locations throughout Orange. I am urging the residents and businesses of Orange to participate in one or more of these meetings. When you attend, you will have the opportunity to speak to the transition team and to your neighbors at the meetings.

“You will be able to share your ideas for change in our city, suggest new policies and programs, recommend changes in existing policies and programs, and submit the names of talented individuals that you would like to see appointed to positions of leadership in our municipal government.

“The schedule of public meetings of the transition team is as follows:

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES and PERSONNEL**

Monday, June 23, 2008 2-5 P.M (location needed)

Human Resources Subcommittee

Chairperson – Bob Pickett

Yolanda Silverio

Karen Wells

Kimberly Kersey

Linda Jones Bell

Councilman Hassan Abdul-Rahseed

#### **HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Tuesday, June 24, 2008 6 P.M. (location needed)

Housing and Economic Development Subcommittee

Chairperson – Marshall Cooper

Yolanda Silverio

Karen Wells

Kimberly Kersey

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Wednesday, June 25, 2008 5:30 P.M. Senior Citizen Center, 400 Oakwood Avenue  
Public Safety Subcommittee  
Chairperson – John Rappaport  
Frank Scura  
Mike Critcheley, Sr.

**QUALITY OF LIFE**

Thursday, June 26, 2008 6:00 P.M. 555 Tremont  
Quality of Life Subcommittee  
Chairperson – Sherily Hendricks  
Karen Wells  
Yolanda Silverio  
Frank Scura

**SENIOR CITIZEN, YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES**

Wednesday, July 2, 2008 5:30 P.M. (location needed)  
Senior Citizen, Youth and Family Services Subcommittee  
Chairperson – Peter Velez  
Linda Jones Bell  
C.C. Holand  
Mrs. Linda Hawkins  
Beverly Henderson

“Citizens and businesses who are unable to attend these meetings may instead contact the Transition Team by mail, email, or telephone as follows:  
Eldridge Hawkins Transition, P.O. Box 70, Orange NJ 07051  
Email: [electhawkinsjr@aol.com](mailto:electhawkinsjr@aol.com),  
Phone: (973) 676-5070, Extension 12.

“My strategy for bringing change to our city is built on the principle of encouraging citizen involvement in every aspect of our government. The residents and businesses of Orange will be fully involved in helping to create and implement our plans to make Orange safer, stabilize property taxes, improve education for people of all ages, and assure the honesty and integrity of our government.

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