

## Orange Mayor-elect Eldridge Hawkins, Jr.

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### **Orange Mayor-elect Eldridge Hawkins appoints Lautenberg aide, Tai Cooper, as Chief of Staff**

#### **Statement by Eldridge Hawkins**

“I am pleased to announce the appointment of Tahirah M. Cooper as my Chief of Staff. Tai Cooper is a talented government professional who has demonstrated extraordinary competence and leadership as Senior Projects Specialist for U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg since 2005.

“Working for Senator Lautenberg, Tai has been involved in a wide range of issues throughout New Jersey including economic development, jobs and employment, minority business, education and African American outreach. She has represented the Senator at events and meetings, organized events in his behalf, and established a strong network of contacts with local, state and federal officials.

“Tai also has valuable private sector experience as an Account Manager for MBNA, working with consumers and assisting the bank in limiting loan losses. She is a 2003 graduate of Rutgers University with a B.A. in Urban Studies from the Edward J. Bloustein School.

“I am delighted to welcome Tai Cooper to my team. Her background, experience, and maturity will be extremely valuable in realizing 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.”

(Resume attached)

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