

Orange Mayor-elect Eldridge Hawkins, Jr.

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Orange Mayor-elect Eldridge Hawkins Announces Transition Team to help set a New Direction for Orange.

Statement by Eldridge Hawkins

“The people of Orange have voted for a new direction. I am now appointing a transition team to help me in bringing change to our city. The transition team will assist me in implementing my plans to make Orange safer, stabilize property taxes, improve education for people of all ages, and assure the honesty and integrity of our government.

“The team will help me evaluate the performance of our services, departments and personnel, identify the best and brightest to serve in government, and develop strategies for public safety, economic development, ethics and education.

“In the transition, I invite the participation and good ideas of the citizens of Orange as, together, we begin to restore faith in our government and transform our beloved city. Next week, I will announce a mechanism for citizens to contact the transition team and submit suggestions for personnel and policies.

“I have chosen Alfred Bundy, Orange resident and former rent leveling administrator for Orange as Chairman of the transition team. Mr. Bundy was the former President of the Essex County Board of Education and director of Pre-Med/Pre-Dental Program at Seton Hall University. He is president of Bundy Productions, a communications and video production firm.

“Other members of the transition team include:

John Rappaport, Retired Captain, Orange Police Department

Maxine Johnson, Former Orange Board of Education Member and retired Orange School Principal

Hassan Abdul-Rasheed, West Ward Councilman

Edward Marable, Jr, South Ward Councilman

Michael Critchley, Former Orange City Attorney

AJ Sabath, Former NJ Labor Commissioner

Frank Scura, Veteran Orange Fireman

Peter Velez, President of Newark Community Health Care centers

Joseph Jenkins, Former Business Administrator City of East Orange

"During the coming week, I will be making additional appointments to the transition team as we work together to build a safe and prosperous future for Orange."