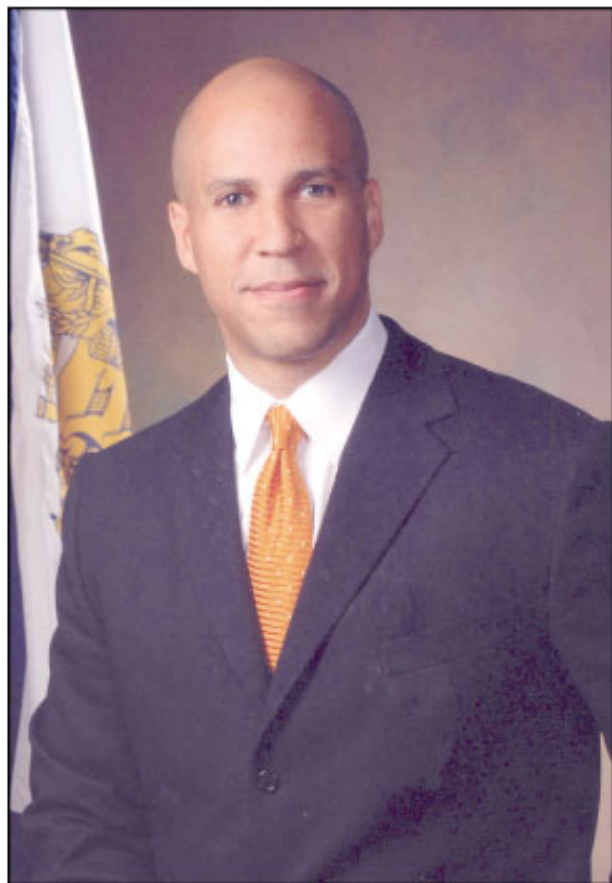


NEWARK MAYOR CORY BOOKER ENDORSES MAYOR HAWKINS FOR RE-ELECTION



On January 30, 2012, Newark Mayor Cory Booker announced his support for the re-election of Orange Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr.

In endorsing Mayor Hawkins, Mayor Booker joins a stellar group of Hawkins supporters that includes Governor Richard Codey, Congressman Donald Payne, Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Assemblyman Thomas Giblin, Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Freeholders Carol Clark, Rufus Johnson,

Donald Payne, Jr., East Orange Mayor Robert Bowser, Irvington Mayor Wayne Smith, Councilwoman Linda Jones-Bell, Essex County Democratic Chairman Phil Thigpen, Diva Dionne Warwick and Olympic Champion Carl Lewis.

"I enthusiastically urge Orange residents to re-elect Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr. New Jersey's cities are all dealing with with the consequences of hard times," Mayor Booker said. "Mayor Hawkins rose to the occasion by strengthening public

safety, cutting government costs, and bringing in millions in new federal, state and private investment. His leadership of the League of Municipalities Task Force on Management Reform has won new laws that are reducing costs for cities across our state."

"I thank Mayor Booker for his support," Mayor Hawkins said. "Cory Booker is an innovator and respected leader among America's mayors, and I am proud to have his endorsement."