

# Hawkins will fill 2 openings

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A search for two residents to fill positions on a development board has begun and the mayor said the city government would seek more residents to express an interest in serving on other bodies.

In a statement last week, Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr. said he sought to fill two vacancies on the board of the Orange Housing Development Corp. Hawkins said the corporation's function is to aid in the development of new housing and the redevelopment of existing residences.

"I want to choose from among the most dedicated, best informed, and highly experienced Orange residents," said Hawkins. He said a deadline of April 16 has been set for residents to apply for the openings. "I am especially seeking those who have business and planning and development experience, and who have been active in our community."

Hawkins said board members make decisions involving planning, finance, development, ownership and job creation for housing. As for his "call to service," Hawkins said he wanted to "open the appointment process" by letting residents express their interest in being considered for the city's boards.

Hawkins said residents who are interested in being considered for the housing board should send a resume and statement of goals for housing and development to his office in City Hall, 29 N. Day St., Orange, N.J. 07050.

They also can be e-mailed to his secretary, Tonia Whidbee, at [twhid bee@ ci.orange.nj.us](mailto:twhidbee@ci.orange.nj.us).