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Edgar C. Izurieta Is Unanimously Voted President of Newark Now

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 16, 2008 – Newark Now (www.newarknow.org) announces that its Board of Directors unanimously voted Edgar C. Izurieta to be President of Newark Now effective immediately. Modia J. Butler, Newark Now's former President and CEO of two years, has assumed the position of Chief of Staff for Mayor Cory Booker. Edgar C. Izurieta has been a vital team member of Newark Now since 2006 and held the position of Vice President of Operations for nearly 2 years. His experience with Newark Now will help to facilitate a smooth transition and continuity of services for the organization.

Edgar C. Izurieta, President of Newark Now comments, "Our mission remains the same at Newark Now. We empower residents with the tools and resources needed to transform their communities. That mission is even more critical today as thousands of Newark residents rely on Newark Now programs to make long-lasting changes in their life, programs like the Newark Comprehensive Center for Fathers, Family Success Centers, and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. Newark Now community partners are emerging grassroots organizations that need our technical assistance now more than ever to navigate these difficult economic times. I will work to ensure that Newark Now continues to be that kind of invaluable resource."

About Newark Now

Newark Now is an intermediary organization committed to increasing the quality of life for Newarkers. Newark Now was founded in 2002 by Cory Booker to provide Newark residents with skills, tools, and support to transform their neighborhoods. Newark Now helps Newarkers become aware of useful resources and services, helps connect them to those resources and services, helps government and non-governmental entities improve collaboration and coordination in the delivery of their services, and helps grassroots organizations build their capacity to lead community improvement efforts. For more information about Newark Now please call 973-733-3460 or visit www.newarknow.org.

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