

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

ICYMI: STATEMENT BY NEWARK MAYOR RAS J. BARAKA ON AMAZON

"I want to thank Amazon for considering Newark for HQ2. The attention that Amazon brought to Newark by keeping us under consideration down to the wire greatly helped us showcase our city's unprecedented progress and attractiveness to technology and other businesses. I also want to thank the governor, our federal and local legislators, our business community, clergy, colleges and universities for their unprecedented collaboration in the campaign to attract Amazon.

"News that Newark was a finalist highlighted our key advantages: proximity to New York City at a more affordable cost, access to mass transportation, a talent pool fed by half a dozen colleges and an internet infrastructure that allows Newark to offer the fastest and broadest free outdoor Wi-Fi in the country, development opportunities including land with riverfront and park views, and our diversity, a large African-American and Hispanic population.

"Real estate professionals tell us that other corporations have been taking a look at Newark, and several are strongly considering relocating to the city, since Newark was named as one of the 20 finalists."

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