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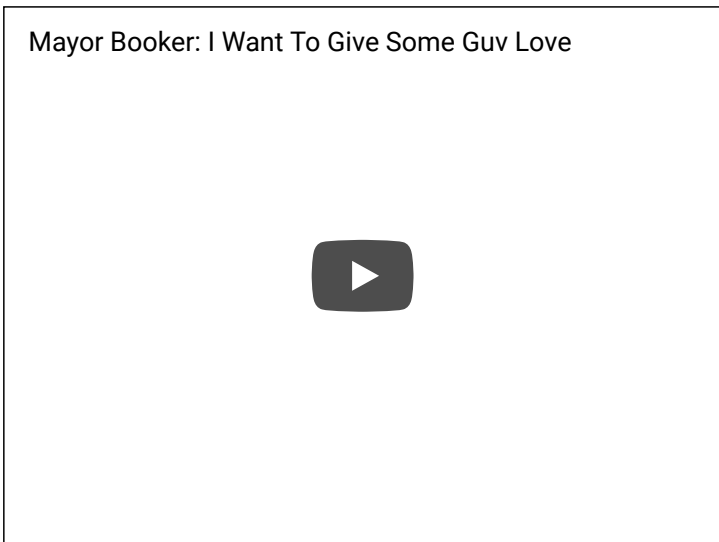
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Video & Transcript: Mayor Booker: I Want To Give Some Guv Love

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Transcript:

Mayor Cory Booker: I want to give some Guv love right now because we happen to be in this silly season of politics. I don't know if you all know but the Governor and I are in the midst of elections right now. You probably haven't heard much about that, but this is the season where everyone wants to pit people against each other, Democrat Republican, rich poor, urban suburban, developers and financiers against unions and others. Well to me this is wrong and wrongheaded because the truth is that America is great when we come together. That is the hallmark of this country, E Pluribus Unum. Now the Governor and I can write a dissertation on our disagreements. He eats meat; I'm a vegetarian. He likes a good beer perhaps when he's watching a game. Give me a green tea. As you notice the Governor is losing weight and I am gaining it. There is amazing differences between he and I, but when I was in my early part of my term as mayor and he was governor-elect, he and I got together around midnight late one night, drove around this city, and it was amazing to me, we did it after he won on a Tuesday as governor and then showed up on Wednesday morning. His first stop as governor-elect was right here in Newark, New Jersey, and interestingly the parallel between then and now Governor, you were in a charter school and you said a vision and I was like I don't know if this guy is giving me a lot of baloney which I will not eat as a vegetarian, or if he's serious but I'm going to take him up on the challenge. And we drove around this city and we talked about where we agreed. We didn't talk about where we disagreed, but we talked about where we agreed. It was almost like that was the most prescient conversation because in the areas where we agreed we said we were going to do amazing things together and today's press conference is about two of those things

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he and I leaned in hard to work on together. One of which was education and the other is development. And so I want to say right now my gratitude to the Governor for—we can talk a lot and I know the press wants to point to our disagreements, but today shows that when people can reach over those ties that bind, ties that divide, lines that divide and make ties that bind what can be accomplished together. Thank you very much Governor.

Governor Chris Christie: It seems impossible that it was 18 months ago that I stood here with the mayor and others that are here again today on the groundbreaking of this complex, and today I'm proud to be here again with Cory and others to cut the ribbon on this project. It's a great place that will dramatically improve the quality of education for our children which is what I think we are all here to celebrate. As Cory well put, in politics it's easy to find the things that divide us and to yell and scream at each other, but it's much harder for people to stand up and say that what matters most is that people elected us to these jobs to actually get something done. This is one of those things that we can point to that we've gotten done when we've worked with each other rather than emphasis our differences. So I'm glad Senator Ruiz is here, Assemblywoman Spencer is here, the legislature is indispensable to giving us the tools that are necessary to be able to make the investments the EDA and other state agencies are making to do projects like this. And I appreciate them just recently putting forward the Economic Opportunity Act, supporting it strongly across bipartisan lines to make sure that we can continue to do these types of projects. So, I thank Teresa and Grace and the folks they represent here today for their commitment to that. So, to everybody here who's had a part in this congratulations, it's a great day for the city of Newark, and when there's a great day for Newark it's a great day for New Jersey. So, I'm proud to be here and let's go cut the ribbon. Thank you all very much.

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