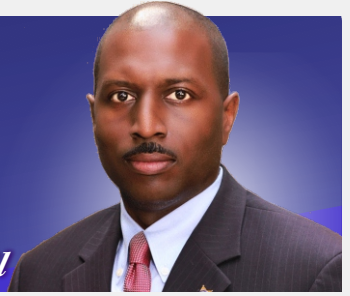


City of Orange Township

MOVING ORANGE FORWARD *with*

Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. & The City of Orange Municipal Council



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PLANNING LEADER IN ORANGE HOSTS NETWORKING EVENT...



...AT THE CITY'S FIRST LUXURY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITE IN ORDER TO COLLABORATE WITH COLLEAGUES ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

ORANGE, NJ. Amidst the unprecedented growth and development that she has administered, **Director Laquana T. Best**, MPA of the City of Orange Township Planning and

Economic Development Department, hosted a key networking event of municipal planning and economic development professionals. The gathering allowed Orange officials to share insights into the successful completion of the City's

first luxury residential development project and to foster collaboration among municipalities that are achieving similar success.

The attendees were universal in their appreciation for the opportunity to share information and be mutually inspired by a support network of municipal colleagues. **Director Best** recognized her colleagues for rising to the challenge of making municipalities the centers of housing, commerce, small business growth, culture, education and family life. She said, "As guardians of urban development, our expertise and dedication play a pivotal role in shaping our cities."


A photograph showing two women in professional attire. The woman on the left, identified as Director Best, is wearing a dark blue top and has her hands raised in a gesturing motion while speaking. The woman on the right is seen from the back/side, wearing a dark sleeveless top, and is listening. They appear to be in an indoor setting with a plain wall in the background.

The comments of **Orange Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.** echoed the sentiments of urban

mayors in Essex County: "Our success in Orange was not achieved in isolation, it is continually inspired by the skill and creativity that we witness in the region that connects our cities." **Millburn Mayor**

Maggie Miggins and Maplewood Mayor Dean Dafis recognized the high standards of development in

Orange and the importance of access to transit, parking and the Main Street commercial area. **Orange Councilmembers Adrienne Wooten,**



Kerry Coley, Weldon Montague, III, Clifford R. Ross addressed the critical importance of a strong vision for growth and advocacy for resources to be utilized on behalf of urban communities.

The Essex and Crane development in Orange is a luxury, residential project that has garnered significant attention for its innovative approach to urban development and revitalization. It is a mixed-use residential site that is a model for sustainable urban growth, with green spaces and environmentally friendly construction practices.

The project is sure to attract new businesses, residents, and investment to Orange.

