



RAS J. BARAKA

**MAYOR
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**

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*To the family of James Ali Taylor
C/o Islamic Burial Service
279 Roseville Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07107*

Dear family of James Ali Taylor,

Please allow me the opportunity to convey my sincerest and most heartfelt condolences for the tremendous loss of our loved one James Ali Taylor. Surely, we know that nothing can soothe the pain and grief of this loss to his family, community and friends. Because his transitioning was felt by so many, my family along with the residents of this city collectively share in your grief as we stand by your family during this time of mourning.

As a person of deep faith, I believe that weeping may endure through the night but joy cometh in the morning. Though we may feel sorrow's depth right now, we trust that our beloved James Ali Taylor, is resting in the arms of the Creator.

With my deepest sympathy,

*Ras J. Baraka
Mayor*