



# City of Newark

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## Legislation Text

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**Dept/ Agency:** Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk  
**Action:** ( ) Ratifying (X) Authorizing ( ) Amending  
**Type of Service:** Establishing Sister Cities Relationship  
**Purpose:** Benefit from cultural and economic exchanges  
**City/State/Country:** Luanda, Republic of Angola, Africa  
**Sponsor(s):** Council Member, Luis A. Quintana  
**Additional Information:**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Newark recognizes the significance and necessity for global interaction; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Newark acknowledges the great benefits to all residents from cultural and economic exchanges with other municipalities and towns from around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Newark has established a Sister Cities Program to facilitate such cultural and economic exchanges; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Newark has a culturally diverse population, which has one of the largest Portuguese speaking populations on the east coast, which includes a growing number of immigrants from the sub-Saharan African region including the City of Luanda, Republic of Angola, Africa; and

**WHEREAS,** Luanda, located on Angola's northern coast is the capital and the largest city. Luanda has one of the country's busiest seaport in addition to being Angola's administrative center processing agricultural products, beverage production, textile, cement, new car assembly plants, construction materials, plastics, metallurgy, cigarettes and shoes. The City is also notable as an economic center for oil and a refinery is located in the city; and

**WHEREAS,** a significant number of Angolan residents from Luanda currently reside in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area and desire to work with the City of Newark to develop and enhance a link with their homeland; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Newark feels that it is befitting to establish a meaningful relationship with African countries and their cities because of the large influx of natives, which have moved into the Newark Metropolitan Region bringing with them an extremely rich cultural heritage and economic resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

1. The Municipal Council on behalf of the people of the City of Newark does hereby extend an invitation to the government and the people of Luanda, Republic of Angola, Africa, to participate with the City of Newark as its Sister City for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the people of our two (2) communities.

2. Copies of this Resolution are to be sent to the Governing Body of the Luanda, Republic of Angola, Africa and Mayor Maria Antonia Nelumba.

### **STATEMENT**

This Resolution invites the citizens of the City of Luanda, Republic of Angola, Africa to join the City of Newark's Sister Cities Program.