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## **Newark Tech Town Hall Gives Voice to Tech Community**

## and Celebrates Wolf Den Winners

NEWARK, NJ – July 9, 2015 – *Equal Space* and the City of Newark are proud to announce its first Tech Town Hall (#techtownhall). On July 20th, at 5:30 p.m. there will be a dialogue on topics of vital importance to our community: **the role that technology has in cultivating and developing the city into an innovation/tech hub and showcasing Newark's capacity for impact on the industry**. Tech Town Hall will celebrate the winners of the Wolf Den Competition, a "Shark Tank" for high school innovators and feature a Q&A with Mayor Ras J. Baraka. The event will take place at 89 Market St. Newark, NJ 07102.

Anthony Frasier co-founder of *The Phat Startup* and Chrishan Wright principal and owner of *Propel Media Group* will be moderating the event. Isaiah Little, founder of *Gallery Retail* and *Brigade Captain of Code for Newark* hopes that this dialogue will be the first step in, "...using technology as an ecosystem to move the city forward and also stimulate diversity and develop Newark into a region with smart city capabilities." The discussion will be held at *Equal Space*, a newfangled co-working space for intellectuals, techies, and entrepreneurs. The key representatives of the tech community will include:

- Isaiah Little, Project Manger of the Office of Information Technology for the City of Newark
- Medina, Chief Creative Strategist of Medina=Citi
- Reshma Saujani, Founder and CEO of Girls Who Code
- Judith A. Sheft, Vice President Technology Development NJIT
- Jamal O'Garro, Co-founder of Code Crew
- Seth Wainer, Chief Information Officer of Newark, NJ

This event will bring together leaders, local businesses, educators, economic developers, and state policy makers. Honorable Mayor Ras J. Baraka will provide remarks about the future of technology in Newark. Clayton Banks co-founder and executive director of Silicon Harlem, a movement to transform Harlem into a technology/innovation hub, will also be in attendance and we hope to add your name to that list.

Come enjoy light appetizers at 5:00; the Newark Tech Town Hall will start promptly at 5:30. The event is free, but reservations are required.

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To RSVP for Newark Tech Town Hall click the following link:

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