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I am deeply saddened by the passing of Al Koepp, a true visionary and leader for the City of Newark and the State of New Jersey. Al spent a lifetime fighting to improve the quality of life for everyday people. He exhibited integrity, compassion, and ingenuity as he sought to find creative solutions to more effectively advance the lives of others. His distinguished professional and public service career included two stints as chairman of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA), and president and chief operating officer of both Public Service Electric and Gas (PSEG) and Verizon.

Under Al's leadership, Newark Alliance became the premier business partner to the city and made great strides in the key areas of: education, economic development, workforce, and public safety. Al innately understood the significant impact the corporate community could have on the lives of everyday Newarkers if they worked collectively. He galvanized Newark's corporate community to come together and share resources in order to more effectively advance Newark's revitalization. Thanks to his transformational leadership, Newark Alliance continues to develop innovative solutions and substantive change for residents and visitors alike.

I am grateful to have had the privilege to know Al, and I am more committed than ever to carry on his work, as we build on the strong foundation he laid for our organization and continue to enhance the city's long-term economic prosperity.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, staff, and the Newark Alliance community, we salute you Al. You will be forever missed but your legacy will live on in the heart of our work.

With sympathy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly McLain', written in a cursive style.

Kimberly McLain  
Chief Executive Officer