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RRHA Board of Commissioners Elects New Board Chair and Vice Chair

The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) is pleased to announce the election of Eddie L. Jackson, Jr. as Chair and Harold Parker as Vice Chair of its Board of Commissioners. The election took place during the Board's annual meeting on October 15, 2025. The Board Chair serves a two-year term and the Vice Chair serves a one-year term leading the Authority's governing body.

Chair Eddie L. Jackson, Jr. brings more than 25 years of experience as a licensed real estate agent and consultant. He is the principal broker of both *Call It Closed International Realty* and *Call It Closed Commercial for Virginia*, a 2025 Inc. 5000 recipient and one of the fastest-growing private companies in America.

A respected leader in the real estate industry, Chair Jackson represents commercial clients across the nation and has extensive experience with all commercial asset types, including retail, mixed use, office, industrial, special use, and multifamily. His work is guided by a commitment to service, innovation, and integrity—principles that also drive his leadership at RRHA. Jackson joined the RRHA Board of Commissioners on June 13, 2022.

"I am deeply honored to be elected Chair by my fellow commissioners," said Chair Eddie L. Jackson, Jr. "As someone who grew up in public housing, I understand firsthand the challenges faced by many of the families we serve. This opportunity is both personal and purposeful. I look forward to working collaboratively with the entire Board, RRHA staff, and community partners to strengthen our programs, expand access to affordable housing, and promote self-sufficiency for Richmond's most vulnerable residents."

Vice Chair Harold Parker is a long-time Richmond resident and the President and Chief Executive Officer of *Old Dominion Electrical Supply Company*, which he founded in 1985. A graduate of Armstrong High School and Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Business, Parker is also a retired engineer with C&P Telephone Company (now Verizon).

Throughout his distinguished career, Parker has been deeply engaged in civic and community service. He served for 20 years on the Henrico County Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board and now sits on the Green City EDA Board for Henrico County. His extensive community

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involvement includes service with organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, Freedom House, Warner Press, the Church of God Executive Board, Venture Richmond, and the Richmond Minority Business Advisory Board. Parker is a steadfast advocate for minority-owned businesses and creating pathways for their growth and success.

"I am grateful to my colleagues for their confidence and for the opportunity to serve as Vice Chair," said Vice Chair Harold Parker. "I look forward to working closely with Chair Jackson and all members of the Board to help make RRHA the best it can be—for residents, for our partners, and for everyone who shares in our vision of creating quality affordable housing and empowering families toward greater self-sufficiency."

"RRHA is fortunate to have two accomplished leaders with such deep roots in real estate, business, and community service," said Steven Nesmith, RRHA CEO. "Their leadership and vision will be instrumental as we continue advancing RRHA's mission of providing quality affordable housing and promoting equitable development across Richmond."

The RRHA Board of Commissioners provides strategic oversight for the Authority, guiding policies and initiatives that impact thousands of families and residents throughout the city.

RRHA's Board consists of nine Commissioners who are appointed to serve four-year terms by Richmond's City Council. rrha.com/about/board.

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