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The Honorable Nicole Jones
Chair, Land Use, Housing and Transportation Committee
Richmond City Council
900 East Broad Street, Suite 305
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Chair Jones and members of the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the Executive Team at the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority ("RRHA") and myself as CEO, we highly recommend the re-nomination of the current Chair of the RRHA Board of Commissioners, Eddie Jackson, Jr.

Commissioner Jackson has served on the RRHA Board of Commissioners for four years, and has been a passionate, consistent and effective advocate for the residents that we serve across our public housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs. He has also been a strong champion of advancing policies that expand opportunities for local small and minority-owned businesses, advancing fair and transparent access to agency contracting opportunities.

As a longtime resident of Richmond and respected business leader in the real estate industry, Commissioner Jackson brings valuable practical expertise to his role. During his tenure as Chair of RRHA's Real Estate and Community Development Committee, his leadership helped advance several critical and previously stalled public housing and other real estate projects across the City of Richmond.

In his current role as Board Chair, Commissioner Jackson has begun to lay out a new vision, in collaboration with his fellow RRHA Commissioners, for a "renewed" partnership—with City Council, the Mayor, other elected officials and the broader affordable housing community of stakeholders and local developers—to advance public housing redevelopment through strategic public/private partnerships.

Last year, this Committee unanimously voted to advance Commissioner Jackson to the full City Council for another term on the RRHA Board of Commissioners. Accordingly, the Committee's support in advancing his nomination a second time to the full City Council is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Steven Nesmith
CEO

"Building Communities. Changing Lives." is the vision of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority. RRHA is Virginia's largest public housing authority serving over 10,000 residents and managing nearly 4,000 units through the public housing program. RRHA provides subsidized housing assistance to more than 3,000 families and is a catalyst for quality affordable housing and community revitalization. For more information about RRHA programs and objectives, visit rrha.com, or keep up with us on social media: [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

