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**ROANOKE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCES
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) Board of Commissioners has elected Joseph W. Lee III as Chairman and Anita M. Powell as Vice-Chairwoman for one year terms.



Lee was appointed to the RRHA Board of Commissioners in January of 2006. He is a native of Roanoke and graduate of William Fleming High School, the University of Virginia where he earned a B.A. degree in American Government and the Capital University Law and Graduate Center. Lee is a member of the Virginia State Bar and Salem/Roanoke County Bar Associations. In addition, he serves as a Board Member for United Way of Roanoke Valley.

Powell was appointed to the RRHA Board of Commissioners in September 2004 as RRHA's resident Commissioner. Powell is a native of Roanoke and a graduate of William Fleming High School. She is the mother of one son, B. J. Powell. Powell is currently employed with Optical Cable Corporation and is also the owner of Virtuous Visions, a global events planning business for churches. Anita is very active in her community serving on various boards and community organizations including the Roanoke Leadership College.

The Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority was created by the City of Roanoke in 1949 under the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937. Roanoke City Council appoints the seven-member Board of Commissioners for staggered four-year terms. The Board, in turn, elects a Chairman and employs an Executive Director to administer the affairs of RRHA. RRHA is an independent, political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia with three primary responsibilities to the citizens of Roanoke: to provide housing and homeownership opportunities and to accomplish neighborhood revitalization; to take a leadership role in providing programs and resources for residents that promotes and encourages self-sufficiency, self-esteem and self determination; and, to maintain a leadership role in fostering economic development and job opportunities through redevelopment.

RRHA currently owns and manages nearly 1,400 units of public housing and administers approximately 1,350 units of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

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