

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority Welcomes New Board Member**

*Bayonne resident Joseph Waks to serve on BLRA Board of Commissioners.*

Bayonne, July 23, 2004 – The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA) has announced that Joseph A. Waks, a Bayonne resident, will join the BLRA’s Board of Commissioners. Waks was appointed to the Authority by Mayor Joseph V. Doria, Jr. with the advice and consent of the City Council on July 14, 2004.



“Joe is familiar with the City of Bayonne and the needs of the community,” said Nancy A. Kist, Executive Director, BLRA.

BLRA Chairman Howard Fitch added, “His resume is proof that he will bring an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience to the Board.”

Waks is currently serving as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Bayonne. He previously served as Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Joseph V. Doria, Jr. where he managed legislative staff, and advised Assemblyman Doria on legislative agendas and policies. Prior to working for Assemblyman Doria, Waks worked for Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. as Communications Director and Legal Counsel.

Waks was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Shelia Antczak who resigned earlier this year. In addition to serving Antczak’s term, Waks has been appointed to serve an additional five-year term on the Board that will begin on September 16, 2004.

A graduate of The Catholic University of America and Temple University School of Law, Waks was named one of “Forty People to Watch” in New Jersey politics. He is also a Leadership New Jersey Fellow.

The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority was created in 1998. The mission of the BLRA is to market The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor (former Military Ocean Terminal) for short and long-term redevelopment that benefits the City of Bayonne. Future plans for The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor call for a vibrant mixed-use waterfront development plan comprised of

residential, commercial and office space. The site will feature marinas, ferry service, more than two miles of waterfront walkway on New York Harbor and numerous recreational areas with parks and playgrounds.

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