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**Statement from New Jersey Redevelopment Authority President & CEO  
Leslie A. Anderson on the Announcement of Senator Ronald L. Rice's Retirement**

**TRENTON, NJ** – The announcement of Senator Ronald Rice's retirement is bittersweet for the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority (NJRA). Through his tireless advocacy for marginalized communities and his collaborative efforts with former Senator Richard LaRossa, the NJRA was created with the passage of the New Jersey Urban Redevelopment Act. Throughout his career, Senator Rice has always been a supporter and champion of the NJRA and the work they do every day to improve the quality of life and create value in New Jersey's urban communities.

Leslie A. Anderson, NJRA President and CEO, said, "Senator Rice's trailblazing leadership is unmatched. His forthright style served as an inspiration for those fortunate to know and be mentored by him. There will be a void in the State Legislature that is only filled by his tremendous legacy. Senator Rice always took his shot in the room where things happened!"

While the NJRA is sad to see Senator Rice leave the State Legislature, the Authority can take comfort in knowing his legacy within its organization and his work as a public servant is unmatched and forever cemented. The NJRA wishes Senator Rice well in his retirement and hopes that he can appreciate the return of his many years of work, activism, and continual investment in New Jersey's historically overlooked municipalities.

The NJRA mission is to invest financial and technical resources into redevelopment projects and plans that will create a positive impact in eligible communities. NJRA's primary goal is to ensure that projects are urban-focused, neighborhood-based and investment driven.

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