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Press Release

Redevelopment Authority Board Announces Fred Reese as Chairman of the Board and Joseph Gray as New Board Member

Butler, PA, April 18, 2011: The Mayor of the City of Butler, Margaret D. Stock, appointed Joseph Gray to the Board of Directors for the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler. Fred Reese was elected to fill the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors recently vacated by Congressman Mike Kelly. Both were selected because of their experience, strong ties to the community of Butler and their desire to serve and improve our city.

Fred Reese, graduated from Butler High School in 1974 and continued on to Butler County Community College and Indiana University of Pennsylvania upon graduation. He has owned and operated the Monroe Hotel for 31 years. Prior to becoming the Chairman of the Board for the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler, Mr. Reese served as a board member for nine years. He is also a member of the City Council of the City of Butler. Mr. Reese's desire is to help bring more revenue into the City of Butler as well as to help it grow.

Joseph Gray, graduated from Butler High School in 1982 then continued on to earn his Associates Degree in pre-engineering from Butler County Community College and bachelor's degree in engineering from Youngstown State University in 1989. He started Gray Engineering Corporation (headquartered in Mount Chesnut), in 1997 and then acquired Warnick Engineering forming Gray-Warnick Engineering. Mr. Gray desired to return to Butler and has since taken on various investment and redevelopment opportunities throughout downtown Butler. In 2004 he renovated Cornerstone Commons and turned it into The Grand Ballroom as well as office space. Gray has served Butler in many capacities. In 2009 he served as Butler Downtown's Revitalization president and was on Butler Downtown's economic restructuring committee for five years. Gray currently volunteers as a committee member for the Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival.

About The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler

Since 1961, The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler (RACB) has administered programs that increase community and economic development, provide quality housing and eliminate Blight within the City of Butler.

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