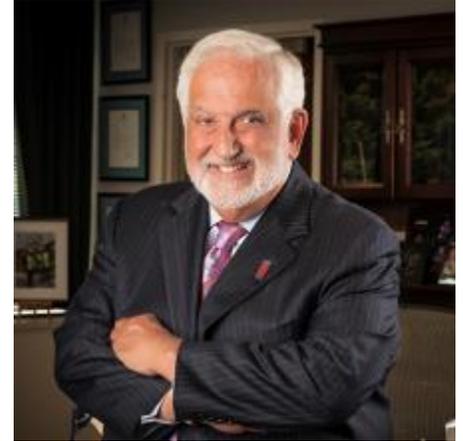


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Many important public projects in the New York/New Jersey region undertaken over the past 22 years have been developed with the guidance of Tony Sartor. But none hold as personal and professional a point of pride as the redevelopment of the World Trade Center site, creating an impressive new public square from the ashes of 9/11.



As a commissioner with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey since 1999, and as chairman of the Port's World Trade Center Redevelopment Subcommittee, Sartor was instrumental in a monumental rebuilding project designed to fill an enormous physical and psychological void.

"It was one of the most difficult, challenging and ultimately satisfying projects I could ever have envisioned," he said. The committee's work on the project was a catalyst for the recovery of Lower Manhattan and across the Hudson River in New Jersey.

"Participating in the leadership of the Trade Center project has allowed me to be a part of something important to the national interest," he said. "It's given me a sense of immense personal pride, and a chance to help us overcome the sadness and devastation of that awful time."

Prior to his appointment to the Port Authority board, Sartor served with New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA), where he chaired the Construction Committee. Among other major projects, his committee had oversight of the development of the \$300-million Convention Center in Atlantic City, new luxury suites at Giants Stadium and athletic facilities at Rutgers University.

First named to the Port Authority board in 1999, Sartor was appointed to full six-year terms in 2001 and 2007. His last term was scheduled to conclude in June 2013, but he was asked to stay on indefinitely -- a decision that extended his service well past his planned retirement date.

"For me, giving back was never an obligation. It's always been a privilege," Sartor said.

For Sartor, his work at the Port Authority in general and rebuilding the World Trade Center in particular was a labor of love. He put in countless hours on his stewardship of Port projects in the region, in addition to serving as chief executive of PS&S.

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“It’s a very time-consuming process, if you get involved with the agency as extensively as I did,” he said. “In the busy days, I was spending 30-40 hours a week at my non-paying job, and 30-40 hours a week at my paying job. It’s a challenging experience.”

A source of pride for the firm is not only Sartor’s long and valued contribution to regional public service, but the importance so many PS&S professionals assign to service to their own communities and favored charitable organizations.

“As a company, the employees of PS&S give freely of their time, whether it’s working with local fire departments or emergency services, walking for various causes or working with Habitat for Humanity,” Sartor said, “Making other people’s lives better, that’s our philosophy and always has been.”

His contributions to community and public service also were recognized In November 2013 when Sartor was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, marking his support of the university, its students and the community it serves.

Despite his retirement from the Port board, Sartor remains active in serving outside public and community interests. He continues to be involved with Gilda’s Club, named for the late comedian Gilda Radner and committed to fighting cancer. Recently, he became a trustee of John Cabot University in Rome.

In retirement from the Board, he plans to spend more time with his family – and to continue to helm the engineering and architecture firm bearing his name for nearly a half-century.

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