

Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

January 26, 2015

Honorable Members  
Providence City Council  
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, I am this day appointing Luis Peralta of 261 Poplar Drive, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, as a member of the Board of Licenses for a term to expire on January 31, 2018, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. Mr. Peralta replaces Everett Bianco.

Sincerely,

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Jorge O. Elorza  
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 19 2015

READ

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

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**Luis Peralta**  
261 Poplar Drive, Cranston, RI 02920  
(401) 578-4105 (cell) [lperaltab0@gmail.com](mailto:lperaltab0@gmail.com)

**Objective:** To obtain a position in constituent services/community relations or communications where I can utilize my experience in providing assistance to language diverse clients.

#### **Qualifications**

- Strong case management skills in individual and small group settings
- Proficient in community outreach and coordination
- Exceptional command of the Spanish language at the highest of professional levels

#### **Professional Experience**

##### **Case Manager/Community Organizing and Outreach**

- Assisted hundreds of immigrants in attaining Legal Permanent Residence and U.S. Citizenship status
- Successfully resettled hundreds of refugees in Rhode Island while providing them with advocacy to ensure entitlement benefits
- Achieved recognition from the Bureau of Immigration Appeals from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as an Accredited Immigration Representative
- Successfully worked on lobbying the state legislature in the passage of a new law requiring temporary job agencies to use public license plates and company insured vehicles to transport workers to and from worksites
- Secured the hiring of more Spanish and Portuguese speaking personnel at the RI Department of Labor's Unemployment Benefits Unit
- Developed a strong working relationships with labor and governmental organizations such as the Institute for Labor Studies and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, RI Committee of Safety and Health, (RICOSH), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- Organized and conducted numerous educational workshops and leadership trainings

##### **Editor in Chief**

- Served as the Editor in Chief for the Spanish language newspaper Providence en Espanol, a weekly publication with a printed circulation of over 15,000 copies per issue
- Received many awards and distinctions for the quality and content of editorials
- Wrote over 200 articles

##### **Founder and Managing Editor**

- Founded and managed the monthly Spanish language magazine Vision Moderna, an online and printed magazine for the Rhode Island and New England Hispanic community

### **Political Analyst Commentator**

- Serve as political analyst and commentator for the longest serving Spanish radio station in Rhode Island

### **Published Author**

- Published a Spanish-language book on short stories and poetry
- Published a Spanish language compilation of personal editorials focused on the challenges of the Latino community
- Published a second Spanish-language book on poetry

### **Employment History**

2003-Present	Diocese of Providence, Catholic Charities & Community Service Refugees Case Manager/Immigration Accredited Representative
1999-2006	Providence en Espanol Newspaper Editor in Chief
2000-2004	Progreso Latino, Inc. Community Organizer
1998-1999	AmeriCorps-Parents Making a Difference Alfred Lima Elementary School, Parents Center Coordinator
1990-1996	Attorney-at-Law Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

### **Education**

1989	B.A. with Specialization in Law Central University of the East, Dominican Republic
1992	A.S., Dominican Institute of Journalism
2004-Present	Professional development-trainings on Family-Based Immigration Law & Naturalization
1999-2002	Educational courses required for teaching certification

### **Community Service and Honors**

1999-2000	Board Member of Progreso Latino, Inc
2002-2003	Board Member of Haymarket People's Fund
2008	Catholic Press Association (U.S. and Canada) Catholic Journalist Award in category <i>Best In-Depth Analysis</i> .
2003	National Association of Hispanic Publications Hispanic Publication Award in the category of " <i>Outstanding Political Editorial</i> "

February 10, 2015

Chairman John J. Igliozi  
Providence City Council  
Finance Committee  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

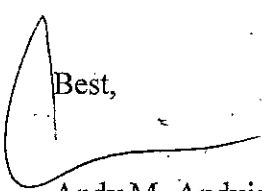
Honorable Chairman Igliozi,

I write this letter to you in support of the appointment of Luis Peralta to the Providence Board of Licenses. I have known Luis for over 15 years, and is key figure in the Latino community; a person who is always fair on the issues and a skilled communicator.

As a lifelong resident of Providence, I have seen many changes in our city. I am deeply committed to being part of the positive changes and I strongly recommend that members of the Finance Committee move Mr. Peralta closer to being nominated.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,



Andy M. Andujar  
71 Burns Street  
Providence, RI 02904

February 13, 2015

The Honorable John J. Iglizzi  
Providence City Council, City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street, Room 310  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: My nomination to the licensing board

Dear Council Member Iglizzi,

I am writing this letter to briefly introduce myself. My name is Luis Peralta. As you are aware, Mayor Jorge O. Elorza has nominated me to serve as a member of the licensing board, which I consider both a privilege and a great honor.

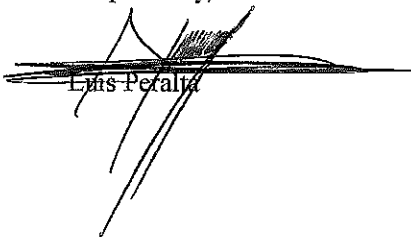
I am aware of the concern that has been brought to your attention regarding the matter of my residency. I understand this concern and offer the following information regarding my work experience and qualifications to serve as a member of the licensing board.

I have lived in Rhode Island since January 1997, including eleven years in Providence, where I own a property. During all this time, I have conducted myself with respect and high ethical and moral standards. I have dedicated my time to advocating for immigrants and refugees, organizing and fighting on behalf of temporary workers, and I have worked as an AmeriCorps' Parent Center Coordinator at the Alfred Lima Sr. Elementary School in the West End where I helped parents to get involved in their children's education. For several years I served on the Rhode Island Board of Haymarket People's Fund, a Boston foundation with a local board comprised of Providence residents that provided funding in support of the work of social justice organizations based in Rhode Island. I also served on the Board of Directors of Progreso Latino, Rhode Island's largest Latino social service agency serving the immigrant population. In addition, I was also a founding board member of English for Action, an adult education and social justice organization located in the Olneyville neighborhood of the city. In conclusion, I believe I am a strong candidate to serve on the licensing board due to the following educational background and work experience:

- *I have legal background as a lawyer in my native country. This allows me to understand rules and regulations and reinforces my disposition for fact-finding, follow due process, conduct myself with transparency and base decisions on the rules of evidence;*
- *I understand the impact of Board decisions on economic development and quality of life of constituents and neighborhoods;*
- *As stated above, I am knowledgeable of boards, and the high ethical and moral standards and responsibilities that come with such an appointment;*
- *I will be a strong advocate for protecting the best interest of the City of Providence and Providence residents in matters that come before the licensing board.*

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (401) 578-4105; lperaltab0@gmail.com

Respectfully,



Luis Peralta

February 14, 2015

Re: Letter of support for Luis Peralta to serve as a member of the licensing board


To Whom It May Concern:

It is my honor and pleasure to write a letter of unequivocal support for Luis Peralta to serve as a member of the licensing board. Luis Peralta is an established and well-respected leader of the Rhode Island Latino Community whose integrity as a journalist, author, newspaper editor, and commentator has earned him the distinction of being an important asset to our state and community.

I have known and worked with Luis Peralta for over twenty years and know him to be a person of the highest integrity and strong work ethic. He is a leader among leaders who will add value to the work of the licensing board. Mayor Elorza's nomination of Luis Peralta to serve as a member of the licensing board is a testament to the high regard the Latino community has for Luis Peralta as a person of intellect and a person of influence in the shaping of social and political thought for the Latino community of Providence and Rhode Island.

There is no doubt in my mind that Luis Peralta will be an asset to the licensing board. He is someone who takes his responsibilities very seriously and will approach his work with the best interest of the City of Providence in mind. I urge the City Council to approve Luis Peralta's nomination to serve as a member of the licensing board. He is an exceptional individual who will serve with honor and distinction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tomas Ramirez". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Tomas Ramirez, Ph.D.  
Executive Director of Federal Programs  
Providence School Department  
797 Westminster Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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Hon John J. Iglizzi  
Councilman Ward 7  
Providence City Council

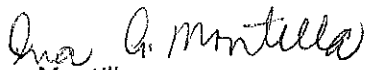
Re: Recommendation for Mr. Luis Peralta

I am writing to you on behalf of Mr. Luis Peralta, who has been appointed by Mayor Jorge O. Elorza to serve on the Providence Licensing Board.

I have known Mr. Peralta for more than 10 years and have found him to be a very capable and professional individual, who conducts himself with the highest ethical and moral standards. I first came to know Mr. Peralta when he served as an AmeriCorps' Parent Center Coordinator at Alfred Lima Elementary School in Providence, where he organized and conducted multiple educational activities designed to increase parental involvement and further their ESL skills and their children's education.

Since then, Mr. Peralta has accumulated enormous experience advocating as a community organizer for the rights of temporary workers while fighting for the inclusion of more diversity among the personnel of various units of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training. Mr. Peralta has been a constant presence on the Spanish Media outlets serving as a political analyst and commentator to encourage civil participation and the increase of voter registration and the participation of Latinos on the political and electoral process. Furthermore, Mr. Peralta's experience on the boards of directors of several organizations, including Progreso Latino, Inc., Haymarket People's Fund, English For Action, of which he is a founding board member, as well as his background in Law from his native country, qualify him to play an important role as a commissioner of the City of Providence Board of Licensing, for which I wholeheartedly recommend him, and would strongly appreciate your consideration of him when voting on his appointment. Mr. Peralta has dedicated many years working to protect and improve the lives of others, and I am sure that he will act with this mindset when making decisions that affect the quality of life of all Providence residents and communities.

Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (401) 369-0767.

  
Ana Montilla  
Bilingual Teacher at Frank D Spaziano Elem. School  
Home address: 38 Clematis Street  
Providence, RI.

February 13, 2015

Hon John J. Igliozi  
Councilman Ward 7  
Providence City Council

Re: Recommendation for Mr. Luis Peralta

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Luis Peralta, who has been appointed by Mayor Jorge O. Elorza to serve on the Providence Board of Licensing.

Luis Peralta is a caring and hard-working individual who has dedicated many years to the betterment of minority and immigrants residing in Providence, both professionally and through his community involvement. He has advocated for temporary workers' rights, parental involvement in public education, and has dedicated years to educating Latinos about civic participation, voter registration and political engagement. All this, in conjunction with his experience serving on boards of social service, social justice and arts organizations, has provided Mr. Peralta with a set of skills that would be a tremendous asset if confirmed by the Providence City Council for the position of Commissioner of the Providence Board of Licensing. As he always has been, Mr. Peralta will dedicate time and efforts to make sure his contribution to the Board of Licensing, helps a decision-making process intended to protect the quality of life of all Providence residents. I am sure that when Mayor Elorza appointed him to the Board of Licensing, he took into consideration not only the dedication and work that Mr. Peralta has done, but also the high ethical standards that has guided his life. I proudly recommend him, and respectfully ask that you consider him when voting on his appointment.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

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Ada Julissa Carrasco  
Teacher at Frank D Spaziano Elementary School  
Tel. (401) 450-8746



# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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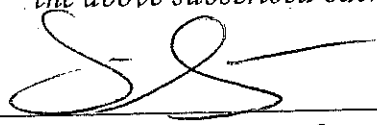
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*I, Luis Peralta, do solemnly swear that  
I will support the Constitution of the United States of America  
and that of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,  
in addition to the Providence Home Rule Charter,  
and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of  
Board of Licenses*

*for a term to expire on January 31, 2018,  
to the best of my ability.*

  
Luis Peralta

*I, Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor of Providence, do hereby certify that  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February A.D. 2015,  
I did administer unto Luis Peralta  
- duly appointed to the Board of Licenses -  
the above subscribed oath.*

  
Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor of Providence