



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

July 16, 2019

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing Stephen Vadnais, 44 Halsey Street, Providence RI, 02906 as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to end January 31, 2022, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. Mr. Vadnais replaces Ms. Rose whose term expired.

Sincerely,

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Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
OCT 03 2019

READ AND DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE

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CLERK

Stephen A. Vadnais

Professional Experience

2019 – present Vadnais Associates Providence, RI

Consultant

2009 -2019 Pawtucket Housing Authority Pawtucket, RI

Executive Director

- Chief Administrative Officer of large housing authority. Responsible for oversight of 1,176 public housing units and 761 Section 8 subsidies.
- Chief Financial Officer overseeing a ten million dollar annual budget which includes operating and Section 8 subsidies, capital improvement grants and social service grants.
- Union contract administration/negotiation. Fifty agency employees represented by two unions.
- Oversaw a 6 million dollar bond deal under the capital fund revenue bond program to install state-of-the-art fire protection systems at three elderly high rises.
- Initiated RAD redevelopment efforts at 292 unit family housing development.
- Created pilot housing program for chronically homeless.

2004 – 2009 City of Providence Providence, RI
Department of Planning and Development

Director of Compliance and Monitoring

- Oversees Fiscal and Compliance divisions of the Department of Planning and Development.
- Prepares budgets for department operations and federal grant programs.
- Responsible for the administration, coordination and preparation of work involving HUD funded programs (Community Development Block Grant and associated entitlement programs) including contracting, monitoring/evaluation, environmental reviews and technical assistance to sub grantees.
- Responsible for monitoring for compliance for other programs funded by local, state or federal government and local tax stabilization programs.
- Oversees the City's First Source program which refers local residents to businesses required to hire Providence residents under local ordinances.
- Primarily responsible for preparation of five year Consolidated Planning strategy and the Consolidated Planning and Evaluation Report.

1994 – 2004 Woonsocket Housing Authority Woonsocket, RI

Executive Director

- Chief Administrative Officer of large housing authority. Responsible for oversight of six hundred and fifty family units, six hundred and fifty elderly/disable units, and six hundred Section 8 subsidies.
- Chief Financial Officer overseeing a twelve million dollar annual budget which includes operating and Section 8 subsidies, capital improvement grants and social service grants.

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- Union contract administration/negotiation. Seventy-five agency employees represented by two unions.
- Major achievements include formation of an agency strategic plan, improved community relations, and a major effort to coordinate local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to eradicate drug and violent criminal activities in the family developments.
- Initiated a computer learning/vocational-training center that serves one hundred residents and includes the only branch library of the City on a family public housing site.
- Oversaw a 10 million dollar bond deal under the capital fund revenue bond program to modernize 140 family public housing units.
- Incorporator of non-profit sponsored by the housing authority as a community housing development organization (CHDO) for the development of affordable rental and homeownership housing.

1988 – 1994

Saugus Housing Authority

Saugus, MA

Executive Director

- Chief Administrative Officer of medium sized housing authority.
- Directly responsible for all aspects of the operation including planning, personnel, finance, procurement, management, maintenance, resident and community relations.

1978 – 1988

Bromley-Heath Tenant Management Corp.

Boston, MA

Director of Operations/Modernization Coordinator

- Assistant to Executive Director of tenant based corporation designated as managing agent for twelve hundred units of public housing.
- Primarily responsible for budget preparation and control, maintenance planning, modernization coordination and labor negotiations.

Education

2002 – 2003

University of Rhode Island

Providence, RI

- Community Development and Planning Graduate Certificate Program
- Course Work: Community Development Funding and Subsidies, Community Based Housing.

1988 – 1991

Northeastern University

Boston, MA

- Master of Public Administration
- GPA – 3.738

1976 – 1977

Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

- Graduate course work in City and Regional Planning

1971 - 1975

American International College

Springfield, MA

- BA, Political Science
 - Graduated Cum Laude. Alpha Chi Honor Society
 - International Relations Club. Delegate to Model United Nations Conference, 1975
 - Political Science Department Scholarship Award, 1975

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Professional Affiliations

- RI Continuum of Care, June 2016 – February 2019, Vice Chair
- Housing Resource Commission, Representing Public Housing Association of RI, March 2016-April 2019.
- Halsey Street Condominium Association, Treasurer, 1995-Present
- National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, member 1985-Present, International Research and Exchange Committee, October 2017 – present, Housing Committee, 2002-2004
- National Community Development Association, Technology Committee, 2006 - 2009
- New England Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, Executive Board, 1995-2004
- Blackstone Valley Housing Development Corporation, Secretary/Treasurer, 2003-2004
- Southside Community Land Trust, Board Member, 2003-2004
- Rotary Club of Woonsocket, 2000-2004, Board Member, 2002-2004
- Tri-Hab, Board Member, 2002-2004
- Past President Public Housing Association of RI

Awards/Accreditations

- Joseph Caffey Award, presented by RI Kousing Network, May 2019.
- Carol McGovern Award, presented by RI Coalition for the Homeless for advocacy in fighting homelessness, March 2016
- Recognition for contributions to the City of Pawtucket, presented by Pawtucket Prevention Coalition for prevention of substance abuse, January 2013
- Certified Public Housing Manager – 1988

References

- Available Upon Request