



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

February 23, 2016

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 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 Manuel Cordero Alvarado, of 48 Hammond Street, Providence, RI 02909, as a member of the Providence Redevelopment Agency for a term to end January 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

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Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THIS SAME BE RECEIVED.
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "David L. ...", followed by the word "CLERK".

MANUEL CORDERO ALVARADO

DEGREES

Yale University, New Haven, CT
Bachelor of Arts – 1998

University of California, Berkeley, CA
Masters in Architecture - 2004

EXPERIENCE

Rhode Island Department of Education, Providence, RI
Assistant School Construction Coordinator –2009 - Present

-Oversees half a billion dollars worth of school construction in the State of Rhode Island, including monitoring compliance with the School Construction Regulations and the review of the Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools Protocol.

-Prepared Rhode Island's first comprehensive, statewide survey of public school facilities - the Public Schoolhouse Assessment . The report documented capacity, enrollments, and conditions in an effort to shine a light on opportunities for savings and efficiencies.

-Worked with the RI Governor's Office to develop and implement the School Building Authority Capital Fund, a new \$20M funding mechanism intended to provide progress payments for high priority projects in the schools with the highest needs.

3SIX0, Providence, RI
Project Architect - 2007- 2009

-Project Architect for various projects including the renovation and an addition to the Stone House Inn, located in Little Compton, RI.

Lerner Ladds + Bartels, Providence, RI
Architectural Designer - 2006- 2007

-Project Manager for the Fit Study of the J Walter Wilson Building on the Brown Campus. Worked with the Building Facilities Department and interviewed the representatives of the 12 departments at Brown that are moving into the JW Wilson building. Produced a report and drawings that were used as a basis for the Design-Build delivery of project.

-Led the development of Construction Documents for the proposed Service Wing and the renovation of the exterior of the Weekapaug Inn in Westerly, RI.

Gelfand Partners, San Francisco, CA
Architectural Designer - 2004- 2006

- Job Captain for various projects including the modernization of one of the San Francisco School District's largest schools, *Mission High School* and the design of a 'green' portable classroom prototype at the *Shorebird Nature Center* in Berkeley.

-Project Manager for the *Mission Street Community Plan*. Helped San Francisco's Mission Street community develop a plan for streetscape and intersection improvements, to encourage a thriving business district, and institute a Community Benefits District. Produced a final Community Vision Report that is currently being used to guide streetscape and transportation improvements.

Erwin Rodriguez and Associates, Santurce, P.R.
Architectural Designer - October 1998-June 2000

-Participated in the design and development of the "*Laguna del Condado Park*," a large-scale government-sponsored redevelopment project for a recreational park on the Condado Lagoon. Project Manager for the remodeling of an abandoned and dilapidated Art Deco building on site.

Community

DownCity Design, Providence, RI
Founder and Board President – 2009-Present

- Founded a non-profit design organization dedicated to improving civic life while offering inquiry-based, experiential learning opportunities. The organization seeks to expand architectural practice and discourse through educational programming, community charrettes, and built interventions

-DownCity Design has worked with over 800 youth in our free design-build programs. DCD currently has an annual operating budget of \$185K and has created more than 30 built project in Providence and beyond.

West Broadway Neighborhood Association, Providence RI

Board Member – 2009-2014; Board President – 2013-2014

Teaching

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

Adjunct Professor - 2008-present

-Taught undergraduate and graduate students in two of the three introductory level studios, *Architectural Design* and *Urban Design Principles*. *Urban Design Principles* introduces students to the complexities of an urban site and serves as a transition to advanced level studios. Provided several lectures, including urban morphology, city planning, urban analysis, and housing typologies.

College of Environmental Design, U.C. Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Graduate Student Instructor

-*Architecture 200a* – Assisted Professors Renee Chow and Antje Steinmuller in teaching the introductory graduate design studio. (*Fall 2002*)

-*Architecture 200b* – Worked with Professors Susan Ubbelohde and Zoe Prillinger in preparing course work for the second semester of the introductory graduate design studio. (*Spring 2004*)

-*Architecture 132, Introduction to Computing in Architecture* - Taught lab sessions of 15 to 20 undergraduate and graduate students an introduction to programs such as Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Auto-CAD, and 3-D Studio MAX. (*Fall 2001*)

Academic Talent Development Program, U.C. Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Instructor

-*Introduction to Architectural Design*- Offered a six week course that introduced high school students to the topic of architecture. (*2005, 2006*)

-*Latin American Art and Architecture* - Developed and taught a course on Latin American art and architecture for high school students designed to explore the history of South and Central America through its cultural production. (*2006*)

Urban Design Workshop, New Haven, CT

Fellow and Teaching Assistant –1997- 1998

-Provided planning and design assistance to small towns, city neighborhoods, and other groups in developing community plans, designs, and development strategies. Assisted Professor Michael Haverland in structuring a course that developed a design and produced construction documents for an addition to the Timothy Dwight School, a middle school in New Haven.

Guest Critic: MIT, RISD, University of California - Berkeley, California College of Arts, Roger Williams, Northeastern University

Research

Branner Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Fellow - 2003

-Awarded a travel grant to research of urban planning in Latin America. Visited some of the major urban centers – Buenos Aires, Santiago, Sao Paolo, Rio de Janeiro – and conducted research at local libraries and archives.

Bates Travel Fellowship

National Endowment for the Humanities

CREDENTIALS

Registered Architect, Rhode Island

National Council of Architectural Registration Board Certification

LEED Accredited Professional

Registered Educational Facility Planner – Council of Educational Facility Planners

SERVICE

DownCity Design – Founder/President (2009-present)
West Broadway Neighborhood Association – Board Member (2009-present) Board President (2013-2014)
-Community Development Committee
Center for Hispanic Policy Advocacy (CHisPA) – Board Member (2008-2010)
-Chair of the Lot and Site Development Committee
American Institute of Architects – Member
Rhode Island Public Energy Partnership – School Workgroup Member
NEEP Regional High Performance Building Workgroup
CHPS Materials Subcommittee and Integration/Steering Subcommittee

AWARDS

National Endowment for the Humanities – Young Scholars (1992)
Bates Fellowship – Yale University (1997)
Richter's Fellowship – Yale University (1997)
Sandy Hirschen Award – University of California, Berkeley (2002)
AIA Fellowship – University of California, Berkeley (2002)
Laub Fellowship – University of California, Berkeley (2002)
John K. Branner Fellowship – University of California, Berkeley (2003)
AIA Rhode Island Merit Award for Stone House Inn @ 3six0 (2009)
WBNA Community Development Award – Dexter Park Playground Build (2011)
Apeiron Sustainable Project Award – OASIS Water Collection System (2014)

LECTURES/
PRESENTATIONS

Place Matters: Designing for Population Health – Panelist – Brown School of Public Health and RISD Graduate Studies, Providence, RI (2014)
Community and the Arts: Authenticity and Identity –Norwich University Architecture Department, Northfield, VT (2014)
Schools as a Lens onto the World: Environmental Learning through Design Education – Critical Transformative Leadership Conference, Dartmouth, MA (2012)
Design Thinking: The School as a Teaching Tool – Sustainable School Summit, Providence, RI (2012)
Civic Engagement Colloquium: Locating Positions and Practice – Moderator - Rhode Island School of Design Department of Architecture, Providence, RI (2011)
Urban Morphology Case Studies - Rhode Island School of Design Department of Architecture, Providence, RI (2010)
"Function Follows Form: Building the Foundations for Student Achievement Employing a Place Based Learning Approach," *Educational Facility Planner*, Volume 45: Issue 3, Page 24-28.
Net Zero: Blazing a Trail for School Construction – Build Boston, Boston, MA (2010)
Reweaving the Historic Urban Fabric of San Juan - Puerto Rican Studies Association, San Juan, PR (2008)
Mexico City: Urban Form Shaped by Water – MIT Department of Architecture, Boston, MA (2007)
Water Shapes: Urban Form Shaped by Water – California College of Arts Department of Architecture, San Francisco, CA (2005)
Building Memory: Reading the Past in the Present City – UC Berkeley Lecture Series, Berkeley, CA (2004)