



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

January 16, 2012

Honorable Members  
Providence City Council  
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 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 Juan M. Pichardo of 229 Atlantic Avenue, Providence, RI 02907, as a member of the Board of Licenses for a term ending on January 31, 2016, and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Mr. Pichardo will replace Arys Batista, who has resigned. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Angel Taveras  
Mayor

AT/gc

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
**MAR 07 2013**

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED  
  
CLERK

State Senator Juan M. Pichardo  
229 Atlantic Avenue, Providence, RI 02907  
Tel. (401) 276-5582

## PROFILE

Senator Pichardo had a 17-year career at the largest health care facility in Rhode Island, RI Hospital/Lifespan, where he held several positions. While at RI Hospital, he became a Patient Financial Advocate where he assisted and provided personal guidance to patients and families and helped them obtain Medicaid, Social Security Insurance benefits and community free care services.

He holds an Associate's Degree in Arts from the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI), an Associate's Degree in Applied Science Audio Visual Production Services from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), and has completed the Air National Guard NCO Academy on September 17, 2003.

Senator Pichardo joined the 143rd Military Security Force as a Security Police Specialist. He quickly succeeded in obtaining rank and within 3 years obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He cross-trained into the 143rd Communication Flight in the Multimedia Unit as a Combat Video Specialist. During that time, he obtained his seven level and was promoted to Technical Sergeant. He also graduated from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCO).

In 2004, Senator Pichardo reenlisted and cross-trained into his current position as a Military Equal Opportunity Advisor, where he plans, organizes and directs MEO and Human Relations Education activities.

Senator Pichardo has been diligently working and advocating for his district for many years, and through legislation and advocacy, is addressing issues of educational reforms, economic development, quality of life, fair housing and promotion of civic participation.

Senator Pichardo has also received numerous awards and recognitions, which include:

- Air Force Longevity Service Award 1995
- Air Force Achievement Medal 1998
- Progreso Latino Award- for supporting healthy communities 2000
- Air National Guard Diversity Council Certificate
- E.S.G.R. NCO of the Year Certificate
- 143rd Community Service Award
- Leadership Rhode Island
- RILPAC Bill Richardson Leadership Award 2002
- Community Service Award, Oasis International 2003
- Meritorious Son of Jicome, Esperanza, Dominican Republic
- Comite de Immigrantes, Santa Teresa- "El Pueblo Unido Jamas Sera Vencido" Award- dedication for change and justice on behalf of immigrants
- Telemundo, Providence- Hispanic Heritage Certificate of Excellence

- Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island Community Service Award- distinguished community service in furthering the cause of sustaining reproductive rights 2004
- RI Parents for Progress, Legislative Leadership Award- sponsored and advocated to restore benefits for child support to 3,100 families 2005
- The Center for Hispanic Policy & Advocacy (ChisPA), Leadership and Advocacy Award- recognized for his continuing efforts on behalf of the Latino community in Providence and around the state
- Dorcas Place Adult & Family Learning Center, Government Service Award- outstanding leadership in the area of family literacy and dedication of service to residents of the city of Providence
- International Institute of Rhode Island, Community Leadership Award- commitment to building the best Rhode Island possible and for strong support of the International Institute's mission to enable all area residents, especially immigrants and refugees, to become self-reliant, invested participants in our communities, while fostering respect and understanding among all people

Senator Pichardo has also served on many Boards and Commissions, including:

- Rhode Island Permanent Commission on Civic Education, Commissioner
- Dr. Martin Luther King State Holiday Commission, Commissioner
- Commission to Study Predatory Mortgage Lending Practices, Chairman
- Latino Dollars for Scholars, Advisor
- International Institute of Rhode Island, Board Member
- Dexter Donation for the City of Providence, Commissioner
- 2004 Democratic National Convention, Delegate
- National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators, Executive Board Member
- National Caucus of State Legislators, Member
- Hispanic Family Learning Institute at the National Center for Family Literacy

***SENATOR JUAN M. PICHARDO BIO***  
***Chairman, Senate Committee on Housing & Municipal Government***  
***Member, Senate Committee on Finance***  
***Member, Senate Committee on Special Legislation & Veterans'***  
***Affairs***

The Honorable Juan Manuel Pichardo was sworn in as the state senator representing the people of Providence, Rhode Island's Senate District 2, on January 7, 2003.

As the first Dominican American and Latino elected to the Rhode Island Senate, he embraces his dual responsibilities of being both a strong leader and positive force for the communities he represents. His lasting commitment to his constituents has been recognized by numerous community groups and organizations. His record of leadership in the Senate is evidenced by his bi-partisan election to the position of Senate President Pro Tempore, a position never held by a Latino. Currently, is Chairman of Housing and Municipal Government Committee. A member of Senate Finance and Special Legislation -Veterans Affairs committees.

Since his historic election, Senator Pichardo has worked tirelessly for the people of the Elmwood, South Elmwood, Reservoir Triangle, and West End neighborhoods.

Senator Pichardo has used his position to lead and be an a strong voice for many issues to improve the lives of people. Among Senator Pichardo's most central issues are Increasing higher education outcomes, addressing health disparities, promoting economic opportunity and income wealth creation for his constituents. He has been working hard and has dedicated his adult life to public services since immigrating at the age of 9 in 1975 from the Dominican Republic. He understands the struggles of life that his mother faced while raising three kids with hardly any money, while growing up in Washington Heights, NYC and Providence, RI.

Senator Pichardo is a U.S.A Veteran of 22 years as a Master Sergeant from the Rhode Island Air [Force] National Guard. During his 22 years, he served as a Security Police Specialist, Combat Video Specialist, and directed EEO Human Relations Education activities. He was given the RI Star and a special Recognition by President Barack Obama for honorable service. He holds two Associate's Degree in Arts from the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI), and Associate's Degree in Applied Science Audio Visual Production Services, from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). He is Graduate of the Air National Guard NCO Academy, and earned a B.A. in Political Science at Rhode Island College.

He worked for 17 years for Rhode Island Hospital/Lifespan and served on numerous boards which he co-founded the nonprofit Quisqueya In Action, which celebrates Dominican- American culture, co-founded the Rhode Island Latino Political Action Committee (RILPAC), and co-founded (DANR) the Dominican American National Round Table. In addition, he is a Leadership RI graduate (2000), and serves as Vice President of Policy of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL), a member of The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs (BHCC), the Council of State Governments (CSG), and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

He has three children, Cristian, Tiffanie, Emilio and is married to Janet [Batista], Director for Community and Family Partnerships in the Providence School Department. He is self employed as President of CTE Synergy.