



Mayor of Providence

David N. Cicilline

October 14, 2009

Honorable Members  
Providence City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Rhode Island Public Law Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31, adopted in 1987, I am this day re-appointing Mr. Thomas E. Deller of 331 River Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, to the Providence Public Building Authority for a term to expire in July 2014, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

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David N. Cicilline  
Mayor

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED  
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. M. Deller", followed by the word "CLERK".

## **THOMAS E. DELLER, AICP**

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### ***Professional Experience***

- ***Director – Department of Planning and Development*** – Providence, RI – March 2003 to present
- ***Deputy Executive Director - Programs and Director of Housing Development*** -Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, Providence, RI - November 1999 to February 2003
- ***Deputy Director - Planning and Policy*** - Department of Planning and Development, Providence, RI - March 1993 to October 1999
- ***Secretary*** – Providence Redevelopment Agency, Providence, RI – March 1993 to October 1999
- ***Associate Director for Planning*** - Department of Planning and Development, Providence, RI - May 1989 to February 1993
- ***Managing Planner*** - Pare Engineering Corporation, Lincoln, RI
- September 1986 to March 1989
- ***Director*** - Department of Planning and Development, Coventry, RI
- November 1980 to September 1986
- ***Planner II*** - Department of Planning and Urban Development, East Providence, RI
- July 1979 to November 1980

### ***Education***

- ***Master of Community Planning*** - University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI - 1979
- ***Bachelor of Arts - Urban Studies*** - University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI -1977

### ***Professional Affiliations/Committees***

- American Institute of Certified Planners - No. 4131
- American Planning Association
- Member, Vice Chair and Treasurer, RI Public Transit Authority, 1997/2003
- Member, Providence Charter Review Commission - 2002
- RI Transportation Advisory Committee, 1995/1997, 1999/2001
- Member, Capital Center Design Review Committee, 1991/2003
- Member, Governor's Growth Council, 1999/2001 - chaired the Growth Center's Subcommittee (2001/02) and the Vacant Property Subcommittee (2002)
- Member, RI Technical Committee, 1990/1992
- Member, URI College of the Environment Advisory Council, 1986/2001
- Member, RI Zoning Enabling Commission, 1984/1986
- Director, RI Section/New England Chapter/APA, 1982/1985 and 2000/2001
- Vice President, New England Chapter/APA 1985/1987
- Adjunct Professor, URI Graduate Curriculum of Planning
- Member, Executive Board - URI Alumni Association 1999/2001

## ***Achievements and Responsibilities***

The following is a summary of my professional responsibilities and projects at **Rhode Island Housing** and the **Department of Planning and Development, Providence, RI**.

***Deputy Executive Director - Programs and Director of Housing Development*** - Oversee the programs of four divisions (asset management, homeownership, housing development and policy) at Rhode Island Housing. These divisions are responsible for the financing and production of new affordable housing, the long term monitoring to insure that the housing stays affordable and in decent safe and sanitary condition and for the financial assistance that enables low income families to purchase their first home. Over the past year, the Asset Management Division has been completely restructured to better serve the needs of property owners and managers. As director of housing development, supervise a staff of ten that underwrites, reviews designs and inspects the construction of affordable housing funded by Rhode Island Housing.

***Deputy Director for Planning and Policy*** - Supervise over thirty employees in three divisions: planning, project management and fiscal. Responsible for the development and implementation of city planning policies, city plans and development regulations as well as the development of city redevelopment projects, redevelopment property acquisition and sales and the evaluation of development projects. Recent projects:

- ***The Vacant Lot Taskforce*** – Chaired the taskforce and prepared the report that studied the problem of vacant lots in the city. Through this effort, new state legislation was drafted and adopted that allowed an expedited foreclosure of tax title. In addition, major revisions were made to the redevelopment agency's vacant lot program and a comprehensive lead-testing program for Agency owned vacant lots is being developed. The thrust of this program was and is to acquire derelict property and make the land available for the development of new housing in the city's neighborhoods.
- ***The Public Safety Facility Project*** – A 50 million dollar project that coordinates the development of a new public safety facility, eliminates blighted property, rehabilitates a city building as a municipal office and results in the development of a new suites hotel in downtown Providence. This project requires coordination of property acquisition, street abandonment, subdivision and zoning approvals, tenant relocation, site preparation, architectural design approvals and coordination of citizen participation.
- ***The Met School*** – In cooperation with the RI Department of Administration and the RI Department of Secondary Education, over nine acres of land were acquired, tenants relocated and property prepared for the development of a new vocational education school in south Providence. In an effort to address historic preservation concerns, the department is working with a local non-profit to relocate up to seven structures.
- ***The New Cities Initiative*** – Assisted the mayor's office to frame the redevelopment initiative and to prepare the video and information package. Prepared the request for proposals and have worked with consultants to develop an economic position paper for the initiative. Presently preparing the public participation framework for the planning stage.

*Associate Director for Planning* - Supervised and directed a planning staff of fourteen in the preparation and development of plans and implementation strategies to carry out city policy. The major planning efforts included:

- *Downcity Providence, Plan for Special Times* - a revitalization plan for the old retail core;
- *Old Harbor/I-195 Plan* - a plan for the relocation of I-195 and the reuse of freed land;
- *Providence 2000: The Comprehensive Plan*; and,
- *Providence Zoning Ordinance* - 1991 - a complete rewrite of the city's zoning ordinance.

Also responsible for the preparation of redevelopment plans and redevelopment plan amendments. Two of the more successful efforts were:

- *The Federal - DePasquale Project* - This revitalization plan called for the acquisition of over forty mixed use and multifamily properties that were fire damaged, abandoned or in disrepair; site clearance; redivision of the lots in conformance with the city's zoning ordinance; and the development of twenty one new owner occupied single family housing.
- *Blackstone on the Southside* - The plan called for the acquisition of over fifty vacant and blighted properties and the developed of thirty single family owner occupied residents.

## ***References***

Furnished upon request.