



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

December 4, 2012

Honorable Members  
Providence City Council  
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 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 re-appointing Architect Enrique Martinez, of 255 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Providence, RI, 02906, as a member of the Zoning Board of Review for a term ending on January 1, 2018, and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Sincerely,

Angel Taveras  
Mayor

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
JAN 17 2013

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECORDED AND APPROVED  
*Stephen M. Stebbins* CLERK

Enrique Martínez

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Curriculum Vitae, Jan. 2013

## PROFILE

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Self-motivated architect and urban designer with more than 20 years of experience in green cities, waterfront master planning, multi-stakeholder participatory processes and community projects in a variety of scenarios ranging from large-scale master plans to local design-driven public space interventions and community projects; world citizen committed to reducing poverty and inequality and tackling global issues in urban scenarios; bilingual (Spanish) interdisciplinary advisor with a passion for Latin America and the Caribbean; seeking an opportunity to make a sustained impact in the future of cities, the positive transformation of the environment and the economic development of the Latin America and Caribbean Region.

- > Strategic and results-oriented problem-solver with exceptional ability to build and manage working teams and generate consensus in order to accomplish established goals.
- > Inquisitive, critical thinker with a privileged understanding of the public value of good design and the specificity of casework at urban, architectural and community levels.
- > Organized project manager and best practice advisor, thriving in fast-paced environments requiring multiple input and timely completion of deliverables.
- > Proactive mentor with a deep understanding of the long-term consequences of short-term decisions.
- > Dynamic innovator who understands the importance of accountability in achieving results.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

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- > Substantial experience in sustainable urban planning and leading complex projects at academic and public/private partnership levels with a variety of degrees of public participation and stakeholder involvement.
- > Well versed in working with external consultants and internal resources to achieve set business goals that support income generation.
- > Sophisticated public speaker, presenter and visual communicator for both small and large audiences, with extraordinary experience in visual information display, visual literacy and graphic standards.
- > Multilingual world traveler with an awareness to fully understand cultural differences and a deep commitment to diversity and equity, especially in urban environments.
- > Interdisciplinary urban expert with solid knowledge of urban policies and best practices in cities from Europe, the United States, Central America and the Gulf Region.

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- > Founding member, Rhode Island Food Policy Council (RIFPC). Current Chair, Outreach Committee and Food Access Workgroup, RIFPC.
- > Member, Providence Zoning Board of Reviews and candidate to join the Healthy Communities Task Force at the City of Providence.
- > Founder and director of Muchi East LLC, a multi-disciplinary design consultancy specialized in designing for the urban environment with a specific focus on sustainable practices and community-based projects. Manager of the studio's day to day operations, external consultants and personnel, including innovation in business approach and goals. The work of Muchi East has been widely published internationally and disseminated in a variety of media.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Senior Critic, Rhode Island School of Design  
Providence, RI, USA

since 1998

Part-time instructor for graduate courses, undergraduate courses, seminars and thesis projects in several academic departments, including architecture, landscape architecture and industrial design. Teaching focus on interdisciplinary design, innovative thinking, process-based problem solving and collaboration, all related to urbanization, urban environments and local communities, some of them in Central America. Research and published work in a number of topics and pedagogical approaches to learning. Facilitator and designer for several sponsored projects. Visiting professor and critic in US and international Schools: The American University of Sharjah (UAE); Universidad Veritas and Earth University (Costa Rica); CENTRO (Mexico), Design Academy Eindhoven (Netherlands); Harvard Business School, The Art Institute of Chicago, University of California Santa Cruz (USA).

Director, Muchi East LLC  
Providence, Rhode Island

since 2001

Founder of a multidisciplinary design studio with a focus on process-based design, innovation and sustainability; urban agriculture and fresh food access in cities; the design of public space and public objects; community-based design; and urban design. Manager, administrator and liaison with public, institutional and commercial clients in USA, Central America, Europe and the UAE. The work of Muchi East includes master plans, public space designs, public objects and street furniture, environmental graphics, temporary installations and custom-designed projects, all of them subjected to the highest environmental, social and cultural standards. Well versed in bidding submissions, RFPs

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and negotiations with private clients, as well as the management of full-time and part-time staff, consultants and clients.

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

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- > Estudio de Arquitectura. Madrid, Spain. Cofounder and Principal 1994-1996
- > Government of Spain, Spanish Presidency of the EU. Architect. 1994-1995
- > Frye Gillan Molinaro Ltd. Chicago, IL USA. Junior architect 1990-1993
- > Diario El Mundo. Madrid, Spain. Freelance Architectural Critic 1988-1990
- > Alexis Pontvik Arkitektkontor, AB. Stockholm, Sweden. Intern 1988
- > Henrik Nielsen Arkitektkontor, AB. Stavanger, Norway. Intern 1987

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

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Founding member, the Rhode Island Food Policy Council since 2011  
 Providence, Rhode Island

One of the fifteen original members invited to create the RIFPC. The Council maintains an active role in helping improve the current food infrastructure at the level of the state of Rhode Island, including policy and policy-making; distribution systems; food access to populations in need; outreach and dissemination; and public health, among other issues. Recently appointed Chair of the Outreach Committee, charged with defining the strategies to advance the Council's mission.

Member, Providence Zoning Board of Reviews since 2010  
 Providence, Rhode Island

The Providence Zoning Board of Reviews examines petitions that challenge the current zoning ordinance, and grants special use permits and variances to specific projects. Sessions are open to the public and the public has the right to participate in them as they see fit. Projects range from small private interventions to large, city-reaching infrastructural initiatives, all of them following the same procedure and guidelines as they are presented to the Board.

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## EDUCATION

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Rhode Island School of Design. Department of Industrial Design      1996-1998  
Providence, RI, USA  
Master of Industrial Design, MID98 (Honors). 1998 Norman Bel Geddes Graduate Award.

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid  
Madrid, Spain      1982-1990  
Título de Arquitecto Superior. Registered architect in Spain and the European Union

## SELECTED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- > University of Cambridge, UK. Workshop presenter, Gulf Research Meeting (July) 2012.
- > University of California, Santa Cruz, USA. Lecturer, 2010.
- > American University of Sharjah, UAE. Lecturer, 2010.
- > Earth University, Costa Rica. Workshop leader, 2008 and 2009.
- > Design Week Eindhoven, The Netherlands. International Advisor, 2006.
- > The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, USA, 2005.
- > CENTRO Design School, Mexico, 2005 and 2006.
- > Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, USA, 2004 and 2005.
- > Harvard University, GSD, USA. Panelist, 2000.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- > Colegio Oficial de Arquitectos de Madrid, COAM. Member and Registered Architect.
- > Industrial Designers Society of America, Member.
- > SIG Design Creativity, The Design Society. Member.
- > American Institute of Architects, International Associate.

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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Languages:    English - *Full fluency*; Spanish - *Mother tongue*; Portuguese - *Basic Comprehension*; French - *Beginner*; Arabic - *Beginner, read & write*.

Full computer skills, PC and Mac Platforms. Full 2D and 3D non-digital representational and graphic skills.