



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

November 27, 2013

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 Robert Gondola, Jr. of 1 Regency Plaza, Apt 1007R, as a member of the Providence School Board for a term to end January 31, 2017, and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Mr. Gondola will replace Natalia Rosa-Sosa, whose term has expired.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Angel Taveras
Mayor

AT/gc

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 02 2014

READ

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

CLERK

BOBBY GONDOLA, JR.

ROBERT.GONDOLA@GMAIL.COM (617) 797-1193

Experience
8/10—
Present

YEAR UP, INC. – Director of Operations & Development

Providence, RI

Operations & Program – Supervised and developed skills of 5 F/T employees and 300+ volunteers

- Provided strategic leadership of human resources, finance, IT, facilities, and community relations
- Developed budgets, managed pipeline/projections, and co-facilitated senior leadership meetings
- Secured and contributed to full staff leadership training series funded by Rhode Island Foundation
- Built corporate mentoring program, cited by program participants as strongest in country, consulted nationally
- Managed/secured 300+ corporate executive, donor, and community volunteer relationships
- Re-designed guest speaker, lecturer, and site visit programs for external community engagement
- Designed and managed internship program, initiated relationships with area colleges
- Led cross-site retreat, and coached nationally on: volunteer management (National), events (Miami, San Francisco), individual giving (New York, DC, Atlanta), annual budgeting (Seattle, Boston)
- Facilitated learning community meetings, feedback, and lectures; advised 10 program participants annually

Fundraising – Led \$1.5 million institutional & individual fundraising during two-fold expansion

- Grew funding footprint by 100% through external relationships and board collaboration
- Cultivated/closed 5 and 6 figure gifts and secured six figure multiyear national foundation gift
- Exceeded '10, '11, '12, '13 revenue/cash budgets; first site to hit fundraising goals nationally '11, '12, '13

Events & Community Relations – Directed major events and influence activities including:

- 2 CEO dinners, corporate breakfast for 40+ HR and IT executives, bi-annual mentoring kickoff breakfasts, major donor gala with 300% revenue increase, investor benefit for 100 high net worth individuals, ribbon cutting profiled on front page of *Providence Journal*, and bi-annual Graduation with 400+ stakeholders, cited as top national event and increasing event revenue 50%
- Hosted 2013 Grantmakers Council of Rhode Island's annual luncheon and meeting

Communications – National Brand Steward (2010-11), Diversity/Cultural Competency Rep. (2011-13)

- Drafted grants, appeals, e-news, impact/metrics reporting, and national marketing content
- Awarded Year Up National Core Values Award, *Work Hard and Have Fun* (2012)

1/09—8/10

HARLEM SCHOOL OF MUSIC – Director of External Relations

New York, NY

Operations & Finance—Hired, supervised, and evaluated staff team of 7 and managed 100+ volunteers

- Reported to Board of Directors, cultivated/oriented 4 board members who served officer positions
- Created and forecast budgets and directed audit preparation

Communications & Community Relations – Served as chief communications officer

- Directed engagements with Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, NBC Nightly News, CBS Early Show, Fox News, Time, People, NY Post, NY City Hall, Meryl Streep, and Obama Inaugural Ball
- Built earned-income stream by fostering new strategic community programming partnerships including Harlem Children's Zone, Association to Benefit Children, and Harlem YMCA

Fundraising – Built \$1.2 million individual, corporate, foundation, & government fundraising

- Increased grants by 300%, exceeded individual/major giving by 73%, reduced expenses 20%
- Secured highly competitive funding via American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Education

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Master in Public Policy, *Harvard Public Service Fellow*, 2008, awarded full tuition and stipend
Concentrations: Political Advocacy/Leadership; Strategic Management, Mobilizing Support, Decision Sciences

SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, Pell Scholar Honors Program and *Dean's Scholar*, 2006

Concentrations: Politics (American Government), Studio Art (Painting), & Art History; Semester Abroad: Italy

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Community

WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE, Board Member (2011—); Co-Chair Governance (2012—)
LEADERSHIP RHODE ISLAND, College Program (Chair 2011—2012); Committee (2012—)
THE RHODE ISLAND FOUNDATION, Emerging Leaders Program (2011—2012)
RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR'S BALL, Co-Chair (2013); Committee (2006—)
RI DEPT. of ED., ADULT ED. ADVISORY COUNCIL, Appointed Voting Member (2011—2013)
AFP FUNDRAISING DAY (NYC), Faculty (2012)
WORLDTEACH (SOUTH AFRICA), HIV/AIDS Educator and Consultant (2007)
NYUMBANI ORPHANAGE (KENYA), Fundraising Director (2006)
EAST BAY SPECIAL OLYMPICS, Asst. Director of Support Services & Events (2002—2006)
MASTER GIFT OFFICER TRAINING, PLAN-MGO Participant (2013)