



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

April 19, 2016

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, and Executive Order 2016-1, I am this day appointing Michelle Walker of 153 Peace Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, to the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, for a term to expire on March 30, 2020.

Sincerely,

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Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 05 2016

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Lois L. Hayes", written in a cursive style.
CLERK

Michelle L. Walker
153 Peace Street
Providence, RI 02907

Michelle was born and raised in Newark, NJ the oldest of 7 children. She moved to RI in the 1970s and, until 11 years ago, lived in Scituate, RI. She is now is a resident of Providence's West End where she bought a home with a big backyard for gardening.

After buying a bike about 5 years go, she realized (to her surprise) that her car was just sitting in her driveway, so she donated it to charity and has been exploring the streets of Providence (and the state) on her bike ever since.RIPTA has bike racks and if she gets on without her bike, drivers ask her "No bike today?"

Michelle believes in seeing the world as much as possible. Her first trip came when she left her job and apartment and bought a one-way ticket and went to live in Scotland. She has since gone to far away places like Finland and Japan.

Michelle studied Liberal Arts at Essex County College, NJ and Business Management at Bryant University's Executive Development Center. She is a recipient of a Fellowship Award to the Center for Whole Communities in Fayston, VT where she studied Leadership Development and Social Change. A life-long learner she is a member of Khan Academy where she sometimes stays up until 3am doing math problems, 'cause math is fun!

By day she works at Southside Community Land Trust as the Development and Operations Associate. She is also the Volunteer Coordinator, the IT and HR person. She has elected to work a 32-hour workweek because having a 3-day weekend every week is wonderful!

By night she is an actress who just finished her first theater production in January 2016.

Michelle is looking forward to having a meaningful participation in the committee and helping to make Providence a model of bike friendliness!