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July 20, 2009

Ms. Anna Stetson
City Clerk
City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Stetson:

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 5.1 of the governance agreement between the Providence Community Library and the City of Providence, I am this day appointing the following two individuals as the City Council appointments to the PCL Board of Directors.

- Christian Calderone
47 Goddard Street
Providence, RI 02908
401-521-0159
- Rochelle Lee
172 Ontario Street
Providence, RI 02907
401-837-9600

If you have any questions, please contact me at the council office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Mancini
Council President

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IN CITY COUNCIL
JUL 27 2009

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PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

June 27, 2009

Council President Peter S. Mancini
104 Meridan Street
Providence RI 02908

Dear Council President Mancini:

As the Providence Community Library moves toward assumption of the operations of the nine neighborhood branch libraries on July 1, we cordially invite you to participate in our celebration on Wednesday afternoon.

We are looking forward to a new era in the history of Providence's library system, a time in which the community will finally have a voice in the governing of its libraries. We have encouraged the formation of Friends groups at all of the branches that did not previously have Friends organizations, and we are committed to helping all of the Friends groups—new and old—become an integral part of their libraries. The Friends groups are now electing representatives to serve on the PCL board, and I am pleased to tell you that Dale Gorton will be representing the Wanskuck Friends.

Providence Community Library will have two board members appointed by the City Council. We encourage you to consider selecting Christian Calderone and Rochelle Lee.

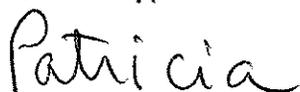
Christian Calderone, a Smith Hill resident, is a member of the Smith Hill Friends and a long-time library advocate. A former LaSalle Academy high school teacher, he is currently the Project Manager of the Smith Hill Community Development Corporation. He has managed the rehabilitation of a five-unit apartment building and currently property manages eight rental units. Christian was in the inaugural cohort of Brown University's *Urban Education Program* where he studied educational reform. We feel that Christian's teaching background and interest in education, together with his experience in community-building and his facilities knowledge, will enable him to be an effective member of the PCL board.

Rochelle Lee, a South Side resident, was one of the City Council's representatives on the Library Partnership Advisory Committee (LPAC), and she served admirably in this position, attending committee meetings regularly and participating actively on the Long-Range Planning subcommittee. Prior to this, Rochelle was a Council representative on the Strategic Planning Team, an advisory group composed of city officials, PPL trustees, and Council representatives who were charged with formulating a plan for the future of the public library.

Rochelle is a real estate development professional working primarily within the affordable housing sector. Rochelle Lee has a long history of community service. She currently serves on several boards and works on behalf of many community initiatives, including the Library Reform Group, Save Our Branches, and S.O.C.K. the advocacy group for the Southside Boys & Girls Club. Rochelle is also a Board member of the RI Public Transit Authority, the Providence External Revenue Authority and the Rhode Island Human Rights Commission.

In many ways, Christian and Rochelle reinforce each other's experience and skills. Given the poor condition of many of the PPL branch buildings, we feel that it is important to have at least two people on our board with a background in real estate development. We are also pleased that Christian and Rochelle have a strong interest in community affairs and in the welfare of children. They have both long been committed to maintaining vibrant neighborhood libraries to serve the needs of Providence's communities, and we have always been able to count on them to help us protect our branches. We feel that they both will be a credit to the City Council, and we hope that you will consider selecting them as your representatives in time for the first meeting of the PCL Board of Trustees on July 22.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia".

Patricia Raub
Vice President, Providence Community Library