



Mayor of Providence

David N. Cicilline

March 25, 2009

The Honorable Members
The City Council of the
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, I am this day appointing Ms. Emelda Benitez of 61 Georgia Ave., Providence, Rhode Island 02905, as one of three Mayoral appointments to the Providence External Review Authority for a term to expire in March 2010.

Ms. Benitez will be completing the term of Reverend Mynor Vargas.

Sincerely,

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David N. Cicilline
Mayor, City of Providence

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IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 2 2009

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

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CLERK

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Emelda is the Director of Community Relations for ARAMARK Education, previously She held the position of Assistant to the Director of Community Services and Neighborhood Services officer in Mayor Cicilline's Office. Emelda also worked in private sector of banking institutions and corporations such as Bank of Boston (now Sovereign Bank) Textron and Hasbro as Customer Service Representative, Client Services Assistant Manager, Assistant Purchasing Manager and Account Manager.

Emelda was born in the Dominican Republic and migrated to the United States in January of 1979. She attended Sawyer School of Business and Johnson & Wales College.

While attending college she served as an intern and volunteered her services in the OIC, and Project Persona Program. As a community organizer she has been part of the following community organizations and programs: Los Trinitarios, Sporting Colombian Club, HUDO, Latin Solidarity Committee, Mayor's Latino Leadership Council, Latino Leadership Cancer Society, South Providence Ministries Path to Health, Safety Prevention Coalition; Roberto Clemente Little League; Club Juan Pablo Duarte, Latino Voices (VIPS), Back to School Celebration, Broad Street Initiative, Dominican Republic Relief Efforts, DANR events committee; and others.

Currently, Emelda is the President of Hispanic United Development Organization, member of the 10th Ward Committee, and Executive Vice-chair of the Providence Democratic City Committee.