



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

October 22, 2012

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 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 Omar Bah, of 28 Erie Street, Providence, RI 02908, as a member of the Human Relations Commission to complete a term ending January 31, 2014, and respectfully submit the same for approval. Mr. Bah replaces Donna Williams who has resigned.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Angel Taveras
Mayor

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IN CITY COUNCIL
DEC 06 2012

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

CLERK

OMAR BAH

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 to present
Providence, RI

Center for Refugee Advocacy & Support (CenRAS) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocate for rights of refugees• Cultural orientation• Liaison between refugees and service agencies• Afterschool program for refugee children	<i>Founder; Executive Director</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpreting services for refugees• Move refugees to healthy and affordable homes• Intercultural promotion in refugee community• Support services for refugees for job, school, and welfare service
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August 2012 to present
Providence, RI

American Street News (ASN) <u>www.americanstreetnews.com</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing news and features of community interest• Writing about crime	<i>Founder; Editor-in-Chief</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing about health, environment and housing issues• Writing about education, economy and community building
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January – May 2012
Providence, RI

New Leaders Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life Entrepreneurship Skills• Non-profit fundraising• Political fundraising• Public Speaking	<i>Fellow</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speech Writing• Social Media Techniques• Political campaign management & Polling• Networking
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August 2011 to Present
Washington, D.C.

United Nations High Commission for Refugees – Refugee Congress <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Represent Refugees in Rhode Island in Annual Washington national refugee congress	<i>Advisory Board Member; RI Representative</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speak at public events on refugee welfare and advocacy
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage RI congressional delegates on policy making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate partnership in refugee resettlement among stakeholders
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June 2007 to May 2012

Providence, RI

<p>Rhode Island Housing</p> <p><i>Tax Lien Assistant (June 2007 – October 2007)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide support for the administration of the Madeline Walker Act On-line real estate research Efficiently handle mass mailings Maintain database for reporting purposes <p><i>Communications Assistant (January – May 2012)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write and edit cooperate newsletter Edit cooperate documents Write and edit corporate documents and statements 	<p><i>Escrow Representative (October 2007 – May 2012)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Escrow Accounts for Homeowner's insurance coverage Manage Home repairs and Escrow Holdback files Provide Forced Place Insurance for uninsured properties Monitor and update Condo policies Customer Service on issues relating to Escrow Accurately prepare check requests
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ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

June 2006 to May 2007

Media Foundation for West Africa

- Research, writing of statements on press and human rights issues in Africa

Research and Documentation Volunteer Accra, Ghana

- Documentation for the creation of the Network of African Freedom of Expression Organization

June 2004 to May 2006

Voice of America Day Break Africa Program

News Correspondent

Banjul, Gambia

June 2004 to May 2006

Daily Observer Newspaper

- News editor for the most widely circulated paper in Gambia

News Editor

Banjul, Gambia

- Wrote a weekly social interest column featuring interviews with politicians, diplomats and other opinion leaders

August 2000 to June 2004

The Independent & Daily Observer Newspapers *Reporter*

Banjul, Gambia

- Reported political, social and judicial issues.

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

- Board Member, CommunityWorks RI
- Board Member, Childhood Lead Action Project

- Participate in refugee advocacy initiatives

EDUCATION

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| • 2013 | Certificate in Global Mental Health: Trauma & Recovery | Harvard University |
| • 2013 | MPA | Roger Williams University |
| • 2011 | BA, Communication Studies and Political Science | University of Rhode Island |
| • 2010 | Certificate Community Economic Development | Roger Williams University |
| • 2004 | Certificate in Journalism | Gambia Media Training Center |
| • 2001 | National Diploma in Law | Gambia Technical Training Institute |

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2011 Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting
- 2012 New Leaders Council

SPECIAL TRAINING

- Hospital Trustee Professionalism: Building Capacity for Excellence in Governance
- News writing
- Editorial process
- Child rights reporting
- Health reporting
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

RECOGNITION

- RI Department of Health, 2011 for healthy housing advocacy
- African Alliance, 2011 for Community Service
- IIRI Alumni achievement award recipient, 2011
- 2010: Housing Network RI Award on Economic Community Development education
- 2011: CenRAS award by the Childhood Lead Action Project

SKILLS

- Multilingual speaker of five languages (English, Mandinka, Wollof, Fula, and Sererr)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and Quark Express
- Extensive knowledge of PC and Apple operating systems
- Familiarity with Newspaper Layouts and Graphic Design
- Proven ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously
- Personable professional whose strengths include cultural sensitivity and an ability to build rapport with a diverse workforce in multicultural settings.
- Resourceful team player who excels at building trusting relationships with customers and colleagues.