



Executive Chamber, City of Providence, Rhode Island

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
MAYOR

April 3, 1981

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

Dear Honorable Members:

I am this day appointing as the new Finance Director of the City of Providence, Mr. Jerome I. Baron of Unity Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut. Mr. Baron, who is currently the Auditor and Chief Financial Officer of the City of Waterbury, has compiled an enviable record of administration with this community, having served as Deputy Comptroller in 1975, and as Auditor from 1976 to the present time. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a member of the Municipal Finance Officers Association, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Baron's salary will be \$45,000 per annum, and he will take up his duties on as of May 4th.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent A. Cianci
VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

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IN CITY COUNCIL
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Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

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I, JEROME I. BARON, do

solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

FINANCE DIRECTOR

to the best of my ability.

Jerome I. Baron

or

I, VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR., MAYOR

do hereby certify that on the 29th *day of* APRIL, *A. D. 19* 81,

I did administer unto JEROME I. BARON

duly appointed to the office of

FINANCE DIRECTOR

the above subscribed oath.

Vincent Cianci



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1981

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A graduate of the University of New Haven with an MBA in Computer Science and Information, and of Bentley College with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance, he is a Certified Public Accountant, a member of the Municipal Finance Officers Association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Connecticut Society of Certified

JEROME I. BARON, C.P.A.
46 Unity Street
Waterbury, Connecticut 06704
(203) 754-4221

February 8, 1981

Mr. J. A. Rider
Acting Finance Director
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Rider:

I am currently employed by the City of Waterbury, Connecticut as City Auditor, the chief financial officer of the city. Similar to Providence, Waterbury is an old industrial city with a population exceeding 100,000.

Shortly before my accepting employment with the city, Waterbury computerized its accounting records. Due to a combination of serious flaws in the computerized system and the failure to maintain a back-up system, Waterbury's financial records were destroyed.

Beginning in 1974, Waterbury suffered consecutive operating deficits culminating in a cumulative general fund deficit of \$7.8 million on an operating budget of \$56.1 million.

The above is representative of Waterbury's financial condition at the time I assumed employment with the city.

In addition to my resume I am enclosing a summary of my most significant accomplishments with the city.

In your review of my resume I feel that you should be mindful of the fact that, although my initial appointment to the city was that of Deputy Comptroller, I was immediately required to assume the position of Acting City Auditor due to the incapacity of the then City Auditor. In reality, I have served as City Auditor since November, 1975.

I am certain that my experience and qualifications will meet the needs of the City of Providence.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Jerome I. Baron

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

of

JEROME I. BARON, C.P.A.

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- * * * Converted the budgetary operations of the city from consecutive deficits to consecutive surpluses with a stable tax rate.
 - * * * Designed and implemented a cash flow and investment system which generated millions of dollars in additional revenue.
 - * * * Brought Waterbury from a position of total dependence on local banks for the purchase of notes and bonds to having access to the national financial markets.
 - * * * Redesigned an inoperable computerized accounting system to an efficient, easily operated system.
 - * * * Converted an ineffective computer department to a professionally operated facility at reduced cost.
 - * * * Converted Waterbury from a city with no financial records to a city with timely financial reports prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - * * * Established a reputation for expertise in municipal accounting and auditing. Annually selected by the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants to serve on a committee reviewing municipal audit reports for propriety and conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

FOR FURTHER DATA PLEASE SEE FOLLOWING PAGES

JEROME I. BARON
Certified Public Accountant
46 Unity Street
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OBJECTIVE: Finance Director

EXPERIENCE: City of Waterbury, 236 Grand Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

Oct., 1976
to
Present
POSITION: City Auditor

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Approve all cash disbursements, contracts, commitments of funds, and additions to personnel. Prepare the annual financial report of the city. Approve the recording of all cash receipts and prepare entries recording tax collections. Approve all journal entries to computerized accounting system. Revise manual and EDP financial systems as deemed necessary. Plan and administer all city financing and prepare disclosure statements for note and bond sales. Oversee investment of all city funds. Advise the Retirement Board on administration of the pension fund. Assist the Mayor and Board of Finance in the preparation of the budget.

Nov., 1975
to
Oct., 1976
City of Waterbury, 236 Grand Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

POSITION: Deputy Comptroller

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: In the environment of a non-professional elected comptroller, supervise the financial record keeping of the city. Responsible for modification and maintenance of the on-line computer accounting system. Preparation of miscellaneous financial reports. Analyze cash flow requirements and invest city funds.

Apr., 1973
to
Nov., 1975
State of Connecticut, Department of Community Affairs, 1179 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut

POSITION: Associate Accounts Examiner

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Supervise all auditors in the performance of technical fiscal and compliance examinations of housing authorities. Review work papers for completeness and propriety. Review and approve all audit reports prior to issuance. Analyze financial and data processing systems of housing authorities and recommend improvements where required. Consult with representatives of housing authorities to resolve their financial problems.

May, 1971
to
Apr., 1973

State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health Center,
Farmington Avenue, Farmington, Connecticut

POSITION: Accountant I

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Verification and approval of purchase requisitions and purchase orders. Processing of commitment and payment lists. Input and correction of all accounting information to EDP. Liaison between accounting and EDP departments. Preparation of miscellaneous financial reports. Involved in the design of a fixed asset accounting system and directly supervised the implementation of this system.

Prior
to
May, 1971

Non-governmental experience consisting of public accounting in a local CPA firm and cost accounting with an international chemical manufacturer.

EDUCATION:

University of New Haven, New Haven, Connecticut. MBA with a concentration in Computer Science and Information.

Bentley College of Accounting and Finance, Waltham, Massachusetts. B.S.A.

ACCREDITATION:

Certified Public Accountant

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS:

Municipal Finance Officers Association

Connecticut Municipal Finance Officers Association

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants, Committee on Legislation, and Municipal Auditing Committee

PERSONAL DATA:

Age 34, married, three children, excellent health

REFERENCES:

Will be furnished upon request



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