



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

January 11, 2019

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 in 1987, I am this day appointing Travis Escobar of 176 Atlantic Ave, Providence, RI 02907, as a member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on January 31, 2022, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. Mr. Escobar replaces Mr. Josiah-Faeduwor who has resigned.

Sincerely,

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Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 30 2019

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

Travis J. Escobar

EDUCATION

Rhode Island College, Providence, RI

- Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration & Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United Way of Rhode Island

2016-Present

- **Project Manager, Public Policy**

- Serve as the staff lead for United Way's public policy work for its initiatives across the organization
- Assist in the development and promotion of United Way's state and federal public policy agenda
- Track and analyze budgetary and legislative proposals consistent with the organization's strategic community investment goals
- Build relationships with policy makers that support the work of United Way and its strategic goals
- Represent United Way on committees and work groups connected to our public policy agenda
- Created and conducted Advocacy 101 presentations for community stakeholders
- Led advocacy efforts to pass an "Out of School Time Learning Commission" to increase quality afterschool and summer learning programs in the state

Millennial Rhode Island

2015-Present

- **Founder and President**

- Incorporated non-profit charitable organization that, through fundraising, provides networking, personal and professional development programming for millennials
- Strategically plans agenda, chairs board meeting and further develops board committees
- Oversees board's obligation to maintain legal, fiduciary, and moral responsibility of the agency
- Plans fundraising events, campaigns and regular public relations/marketing events
- Successfully organized multiple networking events with an average attendance of 50-75 people
- Have cultivated a network of over 200 donors
- Manage social media and website content
- Build partnerships with organizations and political stakeholders to work on policies and initiatives to keep young talented people in RI

Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island

2015-2016

- **Communications and Development Associate**

- Implement strategies for enhanced communication with external and internal stakeholders via e-newsletter, print newsletter production, etc.
- Manage social media and website content
- **Coordinate the organization's media relations; including producing media releases, maintain accurate media contact list, and the track agency's media presence**
- Assist in implementing individual fundraising activities including direct mail campaigns, online fundraising, and event-based fundraising.
- **Maintain the organization's donor database**

ONE Neighborhood Builders

2014-2015

- **Community Engagement Coordinator**

- **Conducted needs assessments with Olneyville residents and stakeholders in order to gain perspective around issues of housing, public health, and safety**
- Drafted social media content and expanded outreach by 25%
- Organized events, facilitated the collaborative group of 25 business members within the neighborhood, and developed programming for the community
- Facilitated a monthly Olneyville Safer Streets Association meeting
- Conducted regular one-to-one meetings with residents and community stakeholders to build trust, gather information, and encourage their engagement in neighborhood activities and problem-solving
- Ensured the desired outcomes of grants contracts were achieved

Jorge Elorza for Mayor of Providence

2013-2014

- **Canvasser**

- Executed the Elorza for Mayor Field Plan in the South Side and East Side community
- Met and exceeded regular benchmarks for positive IDs, volunteer recruitment, and grassroots engagement
- Participated in targeted canvasses
- Ensured consistent and clean input and management of campaign data

- Successfully helped first time candidate win primary and general election

• **Coordinator (Volunteer)**

- Served as advance for the candidate at all city wide events
- Recruited volunteers, interns, and junior staff to the campaign
- Organized recruitment events for volunteers and supporters
- Organized 'house parties' for fundraising

Inspiring Minds (AmeriCorps Program)

2013-2014

• **Academic Campaign Manager**

- Represented Inspiring Minds at meaningful community events, colleges, service fairs and other outreach opportunities
- Organized the volunteer/donor database on FIMS
- Maintained Constant Contact account regarding volunteer recruitment
- Produced a training for volunteers
- Scheduled, coordinated, and delivered volunteer trainings to colleges and organizations
- Oversaw volunteer placement and performance
- Identified community and social networking groups to approach for recruitment cultivation
- Aided in the hiring process of other AmeriCorps staff

Rhode Island College Student Community Government Inc.

2010-2012

• **President 2010-2012**

- Managed a staff of 3 employees
- Managed a budget of over a million dollars
- Oversaw the hiring process of staff
- Appointed students to all committees and commissions under the corporation
- Created a \$70,000 entertainment committee to launch a tradition of large scale events on campus
- Created and implemented a \$15,000 tuition book program to aide students in their education and increase student engagement
- Developed a program to provide a 50% discount on RIPTA passes for students during a time where the state ended their discount program
- Developed a program to increase library service hours to 24 hours during exam week

Honors, Awards, and Accomplishments

- Rhode Island State Society Leadership Award 2018
- Spark Talk Presenter at New Leaders Council Convention "The Future of Millennial America" 2018
- Emcee for United Way of Rhode Island's 91st and 92nd Annual Celebration 2017-2018
- Rhode Island College Young Alumni Award 2016
- Appointed to Grow Smart Rhode Island Board of Directors 2016
- Appointed to Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless Board of Directors 2015
- Appointed to Providence Superintendent Search Committee 2015
- **Founding Member of Mayor Jorge Elorza's City of Providence Millennial Task Force 2015**
- **Graduate of the New Leaders Council RI Institute 2014**
- Community Angels Young Professional Award 2014
- Appointed to the Rhode Island College Foundation Board of Directors 2014
- **Gave the "Student Farewell Address" for the Rhode Island College Commencement 2013**
- Special guest of Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse to attend the State of the Union Address 2012
- Keynote speaker for Times² STEM Academy High School graduation 2012

REFERENCES

Available upon request