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March 27, 2003

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Dr. Mr. Clement:

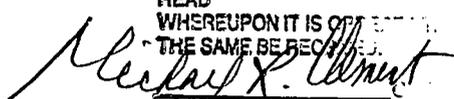
This is to notify you that I am appointing Kohei D. Ishihara of 22 Miller Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02905 as Ward 9's appointment to the Providence External Review Authority.

If you have any questions, please notify me.

Sincerely,


Councilman Miguel C. Luna
Ward 9

IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 3 2003

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED
THE SAME BE RECORDED


Statement and Application to serve on PERA: Providence External Review Authority

It has been a rewarding experience working with community organizations in Providence. Through volunteer work at Direct Action for Rights and Equality, Youth in Action, St. Theresa's Church, the Cambodian Society of Rhode Island, The Laotian Association of Rhode Island, the Providence Youth-Student Movement (PrYSM), Jobs with Justice, and Hmong United, I have been able to connect to a large number of community leaders and activists. It has been even more rewarding to connect to the residents, workers, youth, and families in Providence. For example, by initiating a voter-registration drive in the Hmong community, I have been able to connect to hundreds of Hmong families and youth who live in Ward 9.

As part of PERA, my greatest strength is connecting with and advocated on behalf of the youth in Providence. Through PrYSM, I have been fortunate to build strong relationships with Native American, Black, Latino, Asian, and White. I have gained experience working with the Southeast Asian community and the Gang Unit of the Providence Police Department. Through PrYSM, we have been able to affect the lives of hundreds of youth. Our goal is to get them off of the street and into community service, activism, and the arts. The results have been tremendous, as we have connected disaffected youth with quality jobs, and turned gang leaders into community activists. My involvement in working with Southeast community organizations, the police, youth, and gang members has given me both an inside and outside perspective to the issues surrounding juvenile delinquency, crime, police enforcement, as well as police brutality.

Ultimately my previous work with youth, crime, and the police has given me an understanding about how issues of law enforcement, crime, and police misconduct are a multi-racial problem, specifically affecting those individuals and communities who are the most disenfranchised. I am excited to not only be a liason to the Southeast Asian community, but also the African American, White, Cape Verdean, African, Latino, Caribbean, and Central American communities of Providence. Efforts at restoring democracy and order need to be resolved collectively with consideration for all the immigrants, refugees, families, youth, and community organizations that make Providence one of the most exciting, family-centered, and productive cities in the U.S.

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Education

Brown University ◆ Providence, Rhode Island 1998-2003

Currently attending, expected graduation, May 2003

Bachelor of Arts, Ethnic Studies, GPA 3.57

St. Andrews Episcopal High School ◆ Bethesda, Maryland 1994-1998

Secondary Education Diploma, May 1998

Work Experience

Advocates For Youth ◆ Washington, D.C. Summer 1998-1999

- Youth intern and YouthResource.com assistant

Washington Free Clinic ◆ Washington, D.C. Summer 1998-1999

- Pre- and post-test HIV counselor

Brown University ◆ Providence, Rhode Island 1998-Present

The Third World Center Archivist/Videographer, 1999-2002

- Videograph and edit Third World events
- Collect and archive Third World historical documents

Teaching Assistant, Ethnic Studies 50: Introduction to Ethnic Studies, Fall 2000

- Curricular development, class/session facilitation

Research Assistant, Rites and Reason Theatre, Summer 2001

- Organize and facilitate study groups on racial profiling

U.S. Public Interest Research Group ◆ Providence, Rhode Island Summer 2000

- Canvassing, consumer education, fundraising

AIDS Project Rhode Island ◆ Providence, Rhode Island Summer 2000

- Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, The Messengers
- Promote HIV/ STD prevention education for young men of color

Dominoes, Inc. ◆ Providence, Rhode Island Spring 2002

- Pizza delivery, stocking, food preparation

Providence Housing Authority ◆ Providence, Rhode Island Spring 2002

- Coordinate an after-school youth program

Jobs With Justice ◆ Providence, Rhode Island Summer 2002

- Political Candidate (City Council & Mayor) Forums

Community

The OMEGA Project ◆ Providence, Rhode Island 1999-Present

- Executive assistant on Board of Directors

Direct Action for Rights and Equality ◆ Providence, Rhode Island 2000-Present

- Member; Volunteer Work; Recruitment; Political Education Workshops

The Cambodian Society ◆ Providence, Rhode Island 2000-Present

- Grant research and grant writing

PrYSM- Providence Youth-Student Movement ◆ Providence, Rhode Island 2000-Present

- Founding member, outreach coordinator, grant writer

The Providence Journal ◆ Providence, Rhode Island 2002-Present

- Southeast Asian Press Coordinator

Skills

Computer Hardware: PC and Macintosh

Computer Software: Microsoft Word, Excel

Internet Applications: Netscape Navigator, Composer, Internet Explorer

Adobe: Pagemaker and Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, Eudora

General database maintenance, general office management, and graphic design