



Executive Chamber, City of Providence

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
MAYOR

September 30, 1983

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

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 1103 and 302 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day appointing Mr. Edward R. Watts of 137 Camp Street, Providence, as a Commissioner of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on the first Monday in October, 1986 and respectfully submit same for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.,
Mayor of Providence

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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Edward R. Watts
Resident, 3rd Ward, Providence, RI
Sr. Equal Opportunity Specialist, U. S. Dept. Labor

Mr. Watts' career in civil rights began in 1969 as a staff investigator for the Providence Human Relations Commission. From there he moved to the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights and served as field supervisor for the Commission. During his 5 years of employment, Mr. Watts was involved with enforcing the equal employment and housing laws of the state of Rhode Island. In 1975 Mr. Watts accepted the position of Equal Opportunity Officer for the State of Rhode Island with the U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. Since 1978 he has been employed by the U. S. Dept. of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, involved with enforcing the laws of discrimination and compliance on the federal level with companies doing business with the federal government, as they pertain to minorities, females, handicapped workers, Vietnam Veterans and disabled veterans of other wars. Mr. Watts is a lifelong resident of Providence and is based in Rhode Island. Among the many awards received and achievements attained by Mr. Watts are:

- o Member, Black Leadership Coalition
- o Incorporator, Citizens United Renewal Enterprises (CURE)
- o Board of Directors, R.I. Building Trades
- o Member, LEAA Task Force of R.I.
- o Community Board Member, R.I. Women's Center, Inc.
- o R.I. Citizens Congress, Council for Community Services
- o Civil Right Committee to Dept of Mental Health
- o In 1973 Mr. Watts was awarded a fellowship from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, to study police/community relations at Adelphi University.
- o Outstanding Achievement Award, 1976
U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Presented for his achievements in bringing together, for the first time, the realtors, bankers and construction companies to better fair housing, under the Voluntary Affirmative Action Program. At that time, Edward Polluck, Acting Regional Administrator, wrote that the sustained dedication displayed by Mr. Watts throughout the negotiation process, demonstrated his ability to coordinate the combined efforts of organizational elements on the federal, state and local levels.
- o That same year Mr. Watts was cited by Elmundo, Hispanic Newspaper, as the outstanding citizen involved with equal housing in the Hispanic Community.
- o Mr. Watts' involvement in the community has also included a radio program, aired weekly on WPRO, dealing with civil rights and equal housing opportunities (1976-77).

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I, EDWARD R. WATTS, do solemnly swear that
I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State
of Rhode Island and the Providence Home Rule Charter and that
I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

COMMISSIONER, PROVIDENCE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

to the best of my ability.

Edward R. Watts

I, VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR., MAYOR OF PROVIDENCE
do hereby certify that on the 2ND day of NOVEMBER A.D. 19 83,
I did administer unto EDWARD R. WATTS

duly appointed to the office of

COMMISSIONER, PROVIDENCE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

the above subscribed oath.

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