



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

January 26, 2015

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 re-appointing Raymond Watson, of 47 Hyat Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02909, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to end January 31, 2018, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 19 2015

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

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Raymond Two Hawks Watson

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Objective:

To use my education, skills and life experiences to better our communities in the State of Rhode Island

Education:

Master of Community Planning, Housing and Community Development Concentration, 2005
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 2002
Union College, Schenectady, NY

Honors, Awards and Fellowships:

- Recipient, Emerged Nonprofit Leaders Fellowship – Rhode Island Foundation, Providence, RI (January 2015)
- Recipient, Prime Example Award – MusicOne Program (May 2014)
- Selected, “RI Power Player” Week of January 23, 2014 – GoLocalProv (January 2014)
- Recipient, Expansion Arts Program Fellowship – Rhode Island Foundation, Providence, RI (September 2012)
- Recipient, Excellence in Service Award - The Nation of Islam, Providence, RI Chapter (July 2011)
- Recipient, Citizen Citation – Councilman Nicholas J. Narducci, Jr., City of Providence (July 2011)
- Recipient, Certificate of Appreciation - Rhode Island Department of Veterans Affairs (November 2010)
- Recipient, Pillar of Civic Leadership Award - Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, URI Circle (April 2009)
- Recipient, Citizen Citation - Mayor David Cicilline, City of Providence (January 2009)
- Selected, One of “Nine People to look out for in 2009” - Providence Journal (January 2009)
- Recipient, 2008 Certificate of Appreciation - Providence Police Department (February 2008)
- Recipient, 2007 Arthur David Wright, III, Esq. Youth Achievement Award - Urban League of Rhode Island (June 2007)
- Co-recipient, 2005 Graduate Student Project Award – RI APA (November 2005)
- Co-recipient, 2005 Best Student Award – RI APA (May 2005)
- Recipient, Minorities Fellowship - URI Foundation (October 2004)
- Recipient, Youth in Non-Profit Fellowship - Rhode Island Foundation (April 2004)

Community Development Experience:

Program Development Specialist, Rhode Island College Outreach Programs – Providence, RI, 2014 to Present

- Assist in overall development of Department programs
- Serve as Tech Point Person for department
- Assist in recruitment of program participants
- Assist with grant writing and grant reporting
- Attend meetings as Department representative

Executive Director, Mount Hope Neighborhood Association, Inc. – Providence, RI, 2006 to Present

- Oversee Agency programs and services to the approximately 5,800 residents of the Mt Hope neighborhood, and to over 2,200 clients that MHNA supports on an annual basis
- Develop and Oversee annual Agency budget
- Support and develop Art and Culture initiatives that enhance the Mt Hope/Providence/Rhode Island community
- Serve as Agency representative
- Identify and implement development initiatives that address neighborhood needs
- Identify and obtain funding opportunities
- Advocate on behalf of Mt Hope community
- Host and facilitate community forums and workshops

Projects:

- Policy Implementation Subcommittee Chair, Providence Public School Department Code of Conduct Review Committee (2013 to 2014)
- 1st – 5th Annual New England Native American Culture Week & Big Drum Powwow (2010 to Present)
- 1st – 4th Annual Providence Allstar Classic Youth Empowerment Weekend (2008 to 2011)
- 1st Annual Rhode Island Youth Empowerment Network “Take the Lead” Youth Empowerment Conference (2010)
- Masters Research Project: “In My Hood: Fox Point and the Effects of Gentrification” (2005)
- Graduate Studio Project: “Warwick Intermodal Train Station (WITS) Project” (2005)

Skills/ Talents:

- Grant & Professional Speech Writing
- Facilitating Forums and Workshops
- Motivational Speaking
- Development Consulting
- Life-skills Training
- Event Planning & Management

Interests/Hobbies

- Audio/Visual Production
- Documentary Film Making
- Indigenous Drumming
- Social Justice
- Art & Culture Initiatives
- Powwows

Affiliations:

- Leadership Rhode Island (Lambda II Class Member, 2015 to Present)
- Providence Positive Peace Warrior Network (Affiliate Coordinator, 2014 to Present)
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference (National Board Member, 2014 to Present)
- NENACW Planning Committee (Chair, 2010 to Present)
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (Member, 2010)
- Providence Human Relations Commission (Member 2009 to Present, Acting Chair 2014 to Present)
- The Historic Mashapaug Nahaganset Tribe (Pomham Sachem, 2009 to Present)
- Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Leadership Society (Honoree, 2009 to Present)
- Eastern Medicine Singers, (2nd Head of Drum, 2008 to Present)
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Brother, 2000 to Present)
- University of Rhode Island Alumni Association (Vice President, 2010 to 2013; Alumni Color Network Chair, 2009 to 2013; Finance Committee Member, 2011 to 2013)
- University of Rhode Island Diversity Tax Force, Division of Academic Affairs (Member, 2009 to 2012)
- Family Services of Rhode Island (Board Member, 2008 to 2012)
- Urban League of Rhode Island (Member, 2003 to 2010, 2014; Board Member, 2007 to 2010)
- Northern Narragansett Indian Tribe of Rhode Island (War Chief, 2008 to 2009)
- Providence Black Repertory Theatre Company (Board Member, 2007 to 2009)
- Direct Action for Rights and Equality (Member, 2006 to 2009)
- Rhode Island Young Professionals (Co-Founder 2002, Parliamentarian, 2003, Personal & Professional Development Chair 2004, Social Chair 2005, Parliamentarian 2006, President & Social Chair 2007, President 2008, Advisor 2009, Social & Cultural Chair 2014 to Present)
- New Life Community Baptist Church (Member 1987 to Present, Treasurer, 2012 to Present)



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

*I, Ray Watson, do solemnly swear that
I will support the Constitution of the United States of America
and that of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,
in addition to the Providence Home Rule Charter,
and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of
Providence Human Relations Commission
for a term to expire on January 31, 2018,
to the best of my ability.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Watson", written over a horizontal line.

Ray Watson

*I, Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor of Providence, do hereby certify that
on the 25th day of February A.D. 2015,
I did administer unto Ray Watson
- duly appointed to the Providence Human Relations Commission -
the above subscribed oath.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge O. Elorza", written over a horizontal line.

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor of Providence

