



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

December 13, 2017

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, 2021, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

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Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 01 2018

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED
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Raymond Two Hawks Watson

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 Task 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)