



PROVIDENCE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

August 17, 2006

Ms. Anna Stetson
Providence City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Stetson:

It is my pleasure to inform you that pursuant to my duties as the Chairman of the Providence Human Relations Commission, I am this day appointing Rochelle Lee of 172 Ontario Street, Providence, RI 02907 to serve on The Providence External Review Authority (PERA) for a three year term.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 273-4595.

Sincerely,

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Thomas P. Whitten
Chairman
Providence Human Relations Commission

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LEAH M. STETSON
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED
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CLERK

Attachment: Ms. Lee's resume

Rochelle Bates Lee is Senior partner at Bates & Hall Associates, a consulting business established in 2002 to provide real estate development services to developers and organizations working primarily in low and moderate-income neighborhoods. In her capacity, Ms. Lee provides financing, marketing and construction administration real estate services and analysis in public policy and urban planning.

In addition to her partnership role with Bates & Hall Associates, Ms. Lee recently joined forces with FXM Associates (Mattapoisett, Massachusetts) as a Senior Consultant, providing extensive expertise in all aspects of residential development, including property acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction, mixed-income or age-restricted, conventional and public-private financing, property marketing and management, and non-profit as well as community development corporation-sponsored residential or mixed-use real estate development.

Experience

Ms. Lee is an urban planner with specialized expertise in residential development financing and management. During the past 20 years, she has worked with several non-profit and community-based sponsors to develop affordable housing in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. For several years, Ms. Lee also managed a \$1.2 million program for the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to improve operating capacity of community development corporations engaged in revitalizing low and moderate income neighborhoods. Prior to establishing her independent consultancy, she served as Asset Management Specialist for the National Equity Fund's \$100 million investment portfolio throughout New England, managing related equity investments in residential property. Her previous professional experience includes positions with The Community Builders of Boston, MA and Providence, RI.

Project Manager (1985-1991) Responsible for all aspects of assisting non-profit sponsors to develop more than \$20 million in affordable housing properties throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Property Manager (1991-1993) Responsible for the portfolio management of 200 units of low and moderate-income housing with combined operating budget of over \$1.5 million, and the supervision and training of 15 employees.

Program Office (1993-1997), Responsible for underwriting LISC loans and related equity investments, administering \$5.6 million in technical assistance grants, technical assistance, and community development programs.

Ms. Lee was also Redevelopment Planner at the Boston Housing Authority, responsible for capital planning and tenant relocation programs at several public housing project sites undergoing substantial rehabilitation. Previously, she was Training Coordinator and Community Organizer for the Committee for Boston Public Housing, Inc., assisting resident councils to implement community initiatives and managing social service programs.

Education and Professional Affiliations

Master of City Planning (MCP), Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Master of Arts (African American Studies), Boston University
Bachelor of Arts, University of Massachusetts/Wellesley College
Rhode Island Urban Enterprise Equity Fund, Vice Chair
Mt. Hope Land Trust, Providence, RI, Board of Directors
Providence Small Business Development Center, Board of Directors
Leadership Rhode Island (Pi Class)
Association of Fundraising Professionals, Board of Directors