



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

February 19, 2015

Honorable Members  
Providence City Council  
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1012 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 appointing Bonnie Nickerson of 229 Washington Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, to the position of Director of Planning and Development, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Elorza".

Jorge O. Elorza

Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 05 2015

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED  
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. J. ...".  
CLERK

# BONNIE NICKERSON, AICP

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229 Washington Avenue, Providence, RI 09205 401.225.8192 brnicker@gmail.com

## EDUCATION

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### MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING (MCP) UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

2001

*AICP Award for excellence in the study of city planning*

### BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) – MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

1997

*Cum Laude*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Director of Long-Range Planning

October 2007- Present

City of Providence, Department of Planning and Development

- Coordinate and develop urban design, land use, transportation, transit projects and environmental planning projects. Develop and maintain strategic partnerships around these initiatives
- Oversee Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning and Special area plans, projects and initiatives
- Initiative, coordinate and manage several additional Department initiatives such as the Transportation to Livable Communities project, Providence Streetcar, and PopUp Providence
- Successfully hired, manage, and supervise professional Long-Range Planning Division staff
- Write and administer grant projects, including budgets, reporting and performance measures
- City liaison to I-195 Commission and other state departments
- Frequently represent the work of the Department to local, regional and national audiences

### Senior Planner / Principal Planner

September 2001-October 2007

City of Providence, Department of Planning and Development

- Serve as Department representative various Providence neighborhoods
- Serve as Project Manager for a number of urban design/ streetscape improvement projects
- Coordinate and facilitate community charrettes
- Conduct presentations to Commissions and committees

### Consultant

April-August 2001

Board of Directors, Main Street Rhode Island

- Conducted an evaluation of Rhode Island's Main Street Program
- Surveyed local Main Street coordinators and Rhode Island Main Street board members, and assessed the programs successes and identified opportunities for improvement

### Senate Fellow

January-July 2001

Rhode Island Senate Policy Office

- Researched economic and planning policy issues regarding Rhode Island's marine economy
- Developed reports on the current status and trends for specific industries in Rhode Island
- Identified key issues for these industries, developed policy recommendations

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## Graduate Research Assistant

September 1999-December 2000

University of Rhode Island, Urban Field Center, Planning and Evaluation Division

- Participated in developing and implementing a comprehensive revitalization program for the Woodlawn neighborhood of Pawtucket
- Researched funding opportunities and wrote several successful grant applications (HUD Community Development Work Study Program; HUD Community Outreach Partnership Center; Department of Justice, Weed and Seed)
- Coordinated meetings between URI Urban Field Center, neighborhood residents, business leaders and other stakeholders

## AmeriCorps\*VISTA Leader

February 1998-August 1999

Rockingham Community Action, Portsmouth, NH

- Initiated and facilitated a group of regional planning officials, business leaders, community members and local government representatives, state government representatives and non-profit leaders to develop a regional transportation system
- Researched funding opportunities and assisted in grant writing
- Recruited and supervised 10 AmeriCorps\*VISTA members

## IT Recruiter

June – December 1997

Key Royale Consulting, London, England

- Matched needs of employers with qualified applicants in the information technology field

## AFFILIATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

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Urban Land Institute, Daniel Rose Fellow (2012),  
American Institute of Certified Planners, (AICP) Member  
American Planning Association, Rhode Island Chapter, Member  
Congress for the New Urbanism, Member  
National Charrette Institute (NCI), Charrette Planner Certification

### RECENT PRESENTATIONS (SAMPLE)

2014 New Partners for Smart Growth conference, Denver, CO  
2014 Society for College and University Planning 2014 North Atlantic Regional Conference, Boston  
2014 GrowSmart RI Power of Place Summit, Providence  
2014 Southern New England Planning Conference, Providence  
2013 "Executive Suite" Program with Ted Nesi  
2013 Southern New England Planning Conference, Worcester, MA

**2014 Outstanding Public Space Award** - RI Chapter of the American Planning Association (project award)

**2014 Paul Davidoff Award** - RI Chapter of the American Planning Association (project award)

**2014 City Livability Award** - U.S. Conference of Mayors (project award)

**2013 Distinguished Leadership Award** - RI Chapter of the American Planning Association (personal award)

**2010 Outstanding Neighborhood Planning Award** - RI Chapter of the American Planning Association (project award)