



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

October 17, 2012

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 appointing Elvys Ruiz of 52 Bismark Street, Providence, RI 02904, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to end January 31, 2014, and respectfully submit the same for approval. Mr. Ruiz replaces Everett Brooks who has resigned.


Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Angel Taveras
Mayor

AT/gc

IN CITY COUNCIL
DEC 06 2012

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

ELVYS RUIZ

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

February 2011 - Present

**Highway Safety Coordinator/Minority Outreach-Racial Profiling
RI Department of Transportation**

Program Manager for the following projects:

CPS Outreach to At-Risk Populations (Minorities and Teen Parents)

Project Title – Passenger Race Data Module Modification, New World Information Management

Project Title – RFP for State-Owned E-Citation/Race Data Module

Project Title – Local Law Enforcement Traffic Records Equipment

Project Title – Data Collection, Analysis, and Recommendation RFP

January 2009 - 2011

**Civil Rights/Community Relations Liaison Officer
Rhode Island Department of Human Services**

Responsible for performing liaison activities between minority and other community advocacy groups and organizations, and the Department of Human Services relative to the availability of Services provided by the department for their constituencies. Coordinator for the Implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination as It Affects Persons With Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

October 2004-2008

**Community Outreach / Language Interpreter
Rhode Island Department of Human Services**

Provided interpreting and translation services to the Department for a variety of programs and assisted Spanish-speaking Child Care Providers in understanding all aspects of the Child Care Assistance Program, Procedures and Policies. Acted as a liaison between minorities and other community advocacy groups and organizations and the Department of Human Services.

Jun 1998-2004

**Bilingual Consultant/Community Outreach Worker
Rhode Island Department of Human Services**

Acted as a liaison between minorities and other community advocacy groups and organizations and the Department of Human Services. Conducted extensive outreach for a variety of programs such as The Giving Tree, Project Undercover, the implementation of the EBT card, represented DHS in community meetings, board of directors and advisory councils. Wrote articles for the local Hispanic newspaper about Project Undercover. Recorded voice dubbing into Spanish for a number of DHS videos. Recorded radio announcements in WPMZ, Poder 1110 Hispanic Radio Station about Project Undercover, EBT, etc

September 1995 - June 1997

Community Resource Specialist, R.I. Parent Information Network

Developed and implemented a variety of support services for parents of children with disabilities. Supervised a team of five Resources Parents working on site at the Child Opportunity Zones in Central Falls, Providence, Pawtucket, Newport, and Woonsocket.

September 1995 - August 1996

Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist, Road Counseling

Conducted Community Outreach and Substance Abuse Prevention and Education for residents of two Housing Developments. Visited residents and encouraged families to participate in groups sessions aimed at the prevention of substance abuse in their respective communities.

April 1995 - July 1995

Community Outreach Worker, R.I. Parent and Advocacy System, Inc.

Informed and educated the Latino community on Assistive Technology. Worked with community leaders, and Human Service Agencies. Organized presentations and wrote articles for the local Hispanic Newspapers about the program.

EDUCATION:

May 2008

Master of Science, CUM LAUDE

Springfield College, Boston Campus

Organizational Management and Leadership Concentration

May 7, 2006

Bachelor in Science, SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Springfield College, Boston Campus

Human Services Concentration

SKILLS:

Languages:

Bilingual-Bicultural (English-Spanish.) Read Portuguese.

Computer Competency:

Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher, Access, Front Page, Internet

SEMINARS:

March 2012 Managing Federal Finances / National Highway Traffic Safety Administration USDOT
Boston, Massachusetts.

May 2011 Program Manager Training / National Highway Traffic Safety Administration USDOT
Orland Park, Illinois.

March 2011 National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program

February 25, 1997 **"Using Microsoft Office" SkillPath Seminars**

October 31, 1997 **"Training the Trainer" Fred Pryor Seminars**

September 25, 1996 **"How to Make Presentations with Confidence and Power"**
Fred Pryor Seminar

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

July 2009 Member

African Alliance of Rhode Island

May 2006 – 2009 board member

The DaVinci Center

June 2006 – 2009

President/Founder

Centro de Estudios Dominicanos de RI (Dominican Studies Center of RI)

November 2002 – 2004 President

Instituto Duarte of Rhode Island Inc.

A Dominican: civic and cultural organization.

August 1998 – Present, Board Member, and Past President 2000-2003

RI National Guard, Multi cultural Advisory Council

Mission: "To advise the Adjutant General on how to make all levels of the Rhode Island National Guard representative of the entire Rhode Island Community."

January 1998 – 2005 Past Member Board of Directors

Rhode Island Coalition for Immigrants and Refugees

A group of community based organizations and individuals members who advocate for economic, social, and political justice for immigrants and refugees in the state of Rhode Island.

October 1997-1999 / 1999- 2001

President (two terms of two years) Board of Directors of Quisqueya In Action, Inc.

A community based organization that promotes the culture and traditions of the Dominican Republic. Supervised a Citizenship Initiative Program. Responsible for planning the Dominican Festival of Rhode Island, that attracts approximately 25,000 people to Roger Williams Park. Provide opportunities and training for young people to become leaders.

August 1999 – Past Member Board of Directors

Providence Community Mediation Center, Inc.

December 1997 – 2002 Past Member Board of Directors

Dominican-American National Roundtable.

A national movement aimed to bring together the voices of all Dominican-American residing in the United States.

June 1996 - 1998

Member Board of Directors, Center for Hispanic Policy and Advocacy (CHisPA)

A community based organization that provide advocacy, lead and influence changes for Latinos in the State of Rhode Island.

June 1997 - 1998

Member Board of Directors, Ocean State Center for Independent Living (OSCIL)

Provides peer support and counseling services, advocacy services, skills training, information referral to individuals who have disability in order to enable them to achieve their fullest level of independence.

FELLOWSHIPS:

2005-2006

Selected as one of the grantees for the Sixth RI Foundation Fellowship program

Researched on the African Presence in the Dominican Culture. Studies conducted both in the Dominican Republic and Providence, Rhode Island.

WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS:

- December 3, 2009* **Panelist.** Panel discussion titled: "Dominicans In Rhode Island" The Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University's First Speaker series event. Bristol, RI.
- April 29, 2009* **Presented talk titled:** "The Black Imagination in the Dominican Collective Memory." Bryant University. MRC Lecture Hall 1.
- February 8, 2008* **Presented talk titled:** "The Black Imagination in the Dominican's Collective Memory." Organized by the Dominican Studies Center of RI. Place: Elmwood Community Center. Providence, RI.
- March 10, 2007* **Presented talk titled:** "El tema de la identidad en el teatro latinoamericano." Held at Providence City Hall. Organized by ECAS in celebration of the International theatre month.
- October 12-15' 06* **Organized:** 1st Dominican Peasant Cultural Exposition
Dominican Studies Center of RI, Dominican American Association.
- August 16, 2006* **Presented Conference titled:**
State of the Dominican community in Rhode Island. Organized by the Dominican Studies Center of RI.
- February 22, 2003* **Brown University**
Providence, RI The New England Latino Leadership Conference
Presenter Panelist: "The Color Continuum: Race Issues Among Latinos"
- August 24, 2002* **Community College of Rhode Island**
Providence, RI First Annual Black and Brown Alliance Summit
Presenter Panelist: Cultural Enrichment
"Similar Cultural Aspects. How do we break through barriers"?
- May 12, 2002* **Algonquin House**
- Providence, RI* **Presenter Panelist:** Conference Entitled: "Taboo and Magic-Religious Beliefs in the Dominican Republic's Popular Culture"
- May 11, 12, 2000* **Radisson Hotel**
Milford, Mass Conference: New Citizens in Action. Voices of the Future
Presenter. Panel Entitled: "Mobilizing to Advocate for Change"
- April 11, 2000* **Brown University**
Providence, RI **Presenter.** Panel Entitled: "Speaking Truth to Power: Providence Communities in Action"

October 11, 1999
Providence, RI

Quisqueya In Action, Inc.

Presenter. *"Dominican Culture and Identity, 500 years of Resistance"*

March 7, 1998
RI Hospital

2nd Annual Critical Issues in Child Care:

Presenter. *"Creating an Atmosphere of Belonging for the Children in your Care"*

October 9, 1997
Providence
Marriott Hotel

Rhode Island Support Employment Conference

Presenter. Workshop Entitled: *"Cultural Diversity in Supported Employment Programs"*

March 3, 1997
RI Hospital

1st Annual Critical Issues in Child Care:

Presenter. *"How different cultures define discipline"*

JOURNALISM

2004 - 2007+
1984 – Present

Staff writer for "Tiempo Social" Magazine. Monthly Columnist.

Writer. Have published articles in a variety of magazines and newspapers.

PUBLICATIONS

Author of the books:

"El Imaginario Negro en la Memoria Colectiva Dominicana"

"Coffee and Dominoes" (Bilingual Plays)

"Latin American Theatre of the Diaspora" (Spanish Plays)

AWARDS AND MERITS RECEIVED

February 28, 2009

City of Providence. David N. Cicilline, Mayor.

"For your dedication and commitment to the social and political advancement of Providence's Dominican-American community as an outspoken leader and advocate for equality and social justice, and your efforts to preserve and celebrate all aspects of Dominican history, heritage and culture, as recognized on this memorable occasion by Quisqueya In Action on the anniversary of the Dominican Republic, earning you the respect and collective applause of all the people of Providence who join me in congratulating you and wishing you the very best in all your future endeavors."

February 28, 2009

Providence City Council Citation

February 28, 2009

The Rhode Island House of Representatives Citation

February 28, 2009

Department of Attorney General Citation

"For your outstanding contribution to the preservation of the Dominican culture."

February 28, 2009

"Independence Day Silver Bowl Award" Quisqueya In Action, Inc.

"For contributions to the preservation of the Dominican culture."

May 11, 2008

Springfield College, Boston Campus

Graduate AWARD. Acknowledging achieving and contributions to the School of Human Services.

October 25, 2007	Educational Center for Arts and Science (ECAS) "Creative Excellence Award"
May 7, 2006	Springfield College, Boston Campus Undergraduate Award acknowledging achieving and contributions to the School of Human Services
February 27, 2005	Instituto Duarte of Rhode Island
February 17, 2005	Educational Center for Arts and Science (ECAS)
February 27, 2003	The Rhode Island House of Representatives 'Citation'
February 27, 2003	City of Providence, Rhode Island "Citizen Citation"
January 22, 2003	State of Rhode Island "Rhode Island Diversity Ambassador"
August 23, 2002	The Rhode Island National Guard Office of the Adjutant General "For Outstanding Service to the RI National Guard as a member of the Multicultural Advisory Council"
March 23, 2002	The Rhode Island House of Representatives "Recognition for my Play and Book "Coffee and Dominoes"
November 17, 2001	Sol Gallery Group 'Valuable Contribution'
February 26, 2001	The Latin American Student Organization (LASO) CCRI.
November 30, 2001	Mary E. Fogarty Magnet School 'Contribution Award'
October 22, 2000	US House of Representatives "Congressional Citation"
August 24, 2000 Pawtucket, RI	Pawtucket Red Sox "Hometown Hero Award" McCoy Stadium
August 13, 2000	Rhode Island National Guard "For continued support and dedication to the Adjutant General's Multi-Cultural Advisory Council"
July 6, 2000	The Rhode Island Department of Human Services "Feather Award"
December 20, '97	City of Providence "Citizen Citation"

References available upon request