



ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL OF RHODE ISLAND

October 21, 2011

The Honorable Angel Taveras
Michael A. Solomon, President, Providence City Council
City Hall
25 Dorrance Street,
Providence, Rhode Island

Re: Environmental Sustainability Task Force Appointment (Chapter 2007-51 Ord. No. 504)

Dear Mayor Taveras and President Solomon,

In 2007, the City of Providence redefined the Environmental Sustainability Task Force, formerly the Clean Energy Task Force (Chapter 2007-51 Ord. No. 504). The ordinance mandated the Task Force to promote and make recommendations on the City's sustainability initiatives, specifically those laid out in ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign. In addition to this mandate, the Task Force was charged with working with city departments, agencies, and their staff to obtain and analyze the City's progress on meeting its energy & environmental goals. To this end the Task Force worked extensively with the City and ICLEI to develop a preliminary climate action plan with a specific focus on renewable energy and energy efficiency.

In January 2011, the task force issued a report identifying task force goals and making recommendations for your administration and the new council to consider as you advance innovative sustainability initiatives in Providence.

The Environment Council of Rhode Island is authorized to make one appointment to the Providence Environmental Sustainability Task Force and at our July 2011 Environment Council of Rhode Island (ECRI) meeting, ECRI's members unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Amelia Rose, Director for the Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island to replace Ms. Sheila Dormody, Executive Director of Clean Water Action, who voluntarily resigned from the task force.

Amelia Rose has been the Director of the Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island (EJLRI) since November 2008. In this role she has led a two-year assessment of toxic hazards facing Providence residents through an Environmental Protection Agency CARE grant; launched the Healthy Corner Store Initiative to increase healthy snack options at small markets in the city; helped build EJLRI's high school youth programs to include an

8-week summer environmental justice program that has served over 80 Providence area high school students as well as a year-round afterschool program called ECO Youth; served in numerous statewide stakeholder groups including the RI Department of Environmental Management's Environmental Equity Stakeholder group and the newly-formed RI Food Policy Council; and built solid relationships with numerous environmental, health, and social justice allies. Amelia has almost a decade of community organizing and policy experience in the realms of environmental and social justice.

The work of the task force would be greatly enhanced with access to the resources and insight Ms. Rose would provide if appointed to the task force.

Contact information for Amelia Rose is below. Please feel free to contact me at tjedele@clf.org or (401) 351-1102, ext. 2011 if you have any questions.

On behalf of ECRI, I look forward to the Environmental Sustainability Task Force's success in achieving the City's renewable energy goals and improving green initiatives throughout the city.

Sincerely,



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