

Pedro E. Segarra Mayor

October 12, 2010

Council President rJo Winch, and Members of the Court of Common Council City of Hartford 550 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: Hartford Housing Authority Appointments** 

Dear Council President Winch:

I am pleased to submit, for your consideration, a resolution to confirm my appointment of two individuals as Commissioners of the Hartford Housing Authority: Marilyn Rossetti and Angel Arce.

The vision of the Hartford Housing Authority is to be a "catalyst for change in the successful creation of strong communities and families". To make this vision a reality, the Authority focuses on providing safe, decent and affordable high quality housing and homeownership choices to families and individuals and serving as a catalyst for the creation of economic opportunities and independence in Hartford's diverse communities. Commissioners must be committed to both the vision and the goals and must have the skills and experience to work closely with and complement the work of the HHA Executive Director and staff.

The two individuals whom I have appointed as Commissioners are well-informed about the housing issues facing the city and share my commitment and that of the Hartford Housing Authority to the vision and goals described above. Marilyn E. Rossetti is currently the Executive Director of HART, is a former Councilwoman, and serves on the boards of a variety of local organizations. She is knowledgeable and experienced in the issues that face lower income people, including housing and employment. Angel Arce is an active member of the Hartford community and is a former Commissioner of the Hartford Housing Authority. His five years' experience as HHA's Assistant Director of Youth Services and Coordinator of the Stowe Village Weed and Seed program also enhance his ability to be an effective Commissioner.

Resumes for both Angel Arce and Marilyn Rossetti are attached to this letter for your review. I ask for your favorable action on this resolution.

Respectfully) submitted,

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# INTRODUCED BY:

Pedro E. Segarra, Mayor

# COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, October 12, 2010

- WHEREAS, The Connecticut State Statutes provide that the Hartford Housing Authority (HHA) shall be governed by five Commissioners who serve five-year staggered terms, and
- WHEREAS, There are currently two Commissioner vacancies on the Hartford Housing Authority, and
- WHEREAS, The Hartford City Charter provides that the Mayor appoint and the Council confirm individuals to fill such vacancies, and
- WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Marilyn Rossetti and Angel Arce as commissioners of the Hartford Housing Authority, both of whom are experienced and knowledgeable on Issues that face HHA and its tenants and homeowners, now, therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED,** That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms Angel Arce (D), 51 Pulaski Drive, Hartford, as a Commissioner of the Hartford Housing Authority for the remainder of a four year term which expires on May 31, 2014, and be it further
- **RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of Marilyn Rossetti (D), 253 Freeman Street, Hartford, as a Commissioner of the Hartford Housing Authority for a five-year term to expire on May 31, 2015.

# ANGEL ARCE 51 Pulaski Drive HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06100 Phone (860) 888-1617

OBJECTIVE: To play a role in securing a better future for children, adolescents and adults by being a positive role model and working towards providing services that will help youngsters and adults better their lives.

EDUCATION:

1984 - 1986

M.T.A. TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, Hartford, Connecticut

Two Years Human Services Studies

09/73 - 06/77

HARTFORD PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Hartford, Connecticut

General Studies

#### EMPLOYMENT:

2002 - Present SPECTRUM HEALTHCARE LLC. Hartford, CT

Director of Community Relations. Responsibilities include: Marketing, work closely with the Community and Elected Officials

OPEN HEARTH. Hartford, Connecticut 2001 - 2002

House Manager. Responsibilities include: Supervising halfway house of 80 Residents Including 15 Residents from the Department of Corrections and 10 Residents from the Court Support Services Department.

SOUTHSIDE INSTITUTE NEIGBORHOOD ALLIANCE. Hartford, Connecticut 1999 - 2001

Consultant- responsibilities include: consulting the Aetna Center for Families on youth programs,

And Family Reunification Program

HARTFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY, Hartford, Connecticut 01/97 - 12/99

Assistant Director of Youth Services - responsibilities include: teaching youth from ages 8 through 18, basic computer skills; tutoring; counseling; mentoring; recruiting; and community outreach Also, provide community service programming including assisting residents with employment, Training and adult education; planning and scheduling trips and activities, and coordinate the Family Reunification Program This also included job development for adults as well as youth. In addition, supervise volunteers that assist with youth programming.

HARTFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY, Hartford, Connecticut 06/94 ~ 01/97

Stowe Village Weed and Seed Coordinator/Computer Center, Director - responsibilities include: Supervising the computer center; act as basic computer instructor; organize trips for children and Youth; and conduct the drug prevention education and teen pregnancy prevention programs. As The Weed and Seed Coordinator I was responsible for developing relationships with service providers, The community, the Hartford Police Department and other City, State and Federal entities.

PLAIN TALK/HABLANDO CLARO, Hartford, Connecticut 05/93 - 01/94

Recruiter and Community Organizer

Recruited youth and adult males for S.T.D. Education. Taught teens pregnancy prevention and Recruited presenters for each topic. Also, completed reports and did outreach.

1985 - 1993 RADISSON HOTEL, Orlando, Florida

Assistant Catering Manager - responsibilities included: sales, customer service; supervised group Of five banquet set-up crew.

1978 - 1985

HOLO KROME CO., West Hartford, Connecticut

Machine Operator - responsibilities included: forklift driver, rearranging and organizing items Around/in the company and warehouse; operating trimmer machine and threaders.

SKILLS:

<u>COMMUNITY:</u> Work well with adults and adolescents; supervision of summer youth programs; Community activist; leader; tutor of computer programs for children, youth, and adults; Counseling; mentor; youth coordination; recruiting and community outreach; and assisting adults With employment opportunities.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Office procedures; organizing; scheduling; reporting and corresponding.

**COMPUTER:** In depth knowledge of PCs and the Windows platform; work with various words Processing, spreadsheet and presentation software programs.

COMMITTEES INVOLVEMENT: Connecticut Latino Voting Rights Statewide Committee, The Urban Steering Committee, Co-Chair Black and Puerto Rican Committee, Friends of Colt Park Youth Committee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: President/Founder the Hartford Alliance for Progress and Youth Vice President San Juan Center Sports Inc. Friends of Colt Park, Southside Family Center, Connecticut Bicycle Coalition, Sons of Thunders Christian Basketball League, Chairman, Board of Commissioners Housing Authority of the City of Hartford, President San Juan Center, Treasure Board of Commissioners Housing Authority of the City of Hartford, Chairman, Hartford Housing Authority Dutch Point Development.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revalization Zone (NRC)
DADS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, Connecticut Policy and Economy Council, Community Council,
United States Hispanic Leadership Institute.

AWARDS:

The Capitol Area Substance Abuse Council

(Youth Education Award)

United States Department of Justices

(Youth Program Award.

Principal Award

(Career Awareness Award)

State of Connecticut General Assembly Official Citation

City of Hartford Official Citation

U.S Department of Justice
Weed & Seed Certificate of Appreciation

# MARILYN E. ROSSETTI

253 Freeman Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106 (860) 956-2000 (Home) (860) 463-0510 (Cell)

#### PROFILE

# Accomplished, Multi-Talented Non-Profit Executive Director

Background features a unique combination of experience and achievement in the private, public and non-profit sectors. Exceptional organizational, communication and motivational skills. Proven ability to infuse vision, passion, and a commitment to a better future, leading an organization to new heights of effectiveness and service.

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### 2003 -Present

HARTFORD AREAS RALLY TOGETHER (HART) - Hartford, Connecticut

Executive Director - Responsible for all strategic, operational, programmatic, financial and administrative management of this respected non-profit corporation, which is the oldest (35 years) grassroots community organization in New England. Develop and execute a strategic and operating annual plan. Manage a ten-person professional staff and \$600,000 annual budget. Serve as HART's lead spokesperson, strategist and conscience.

- Provided focus and leadership which has measurably improved the organization in virtually every area.
- At time of hire, HART was experiencing significant challenges in funding, budgetary management and compliance. Developed and executed plans which successfully addressed each of these areas.
- Instituted policies which improved financial controls and accountability. Transitioned accounting system from internal (QuickBooks) to an outside accounting firm. Secured HART's first outside line of credit.
- Hired a development specialist and increased annual funding from \$380,000 to \$500,000+.
- Oversaw the development of relationship with Casey Foundation.
- Personally, persistently lobbied the state legislature and received \$150,000 in one time annual funding.
- Recruited, selected and hired a Lead Professional Community Organizer from a major city.
- Recipient in 2009 of the Prestigious Bank of America \$200,000 Neighborhood Builder award.

# 1999-2003 HARTFORD COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL - Hartford, Connecticut

Councilwoman - Planned, organized and conducted two successful elective campaigns. Actively participated in setting policy. Worked effectively with local, state and city officials on a wide variety of issues effecting constituents and the city as a whole.

Chairwoman, Parks and Public Works Committee. Co-Chair, Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Member -- Labor and Planning; Economic Development; and Zoning Committees

#### 1976-2003

## UNITED TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH CENTER - East Hartford, Connecticut

Senior Engineering Assistant - Performed high level analytical, organizational, technical, communication and financial functions in a technology research division of a Fortune 500 corporation.

- Given increasingly responsible assignments. Ultimately served as ergonomic auditor, purchasing agent, repetitive testing analyst, budget analyst and project manager. SAP group implementation leader.
- Drafted and implemented the center's first Diversity Council Mission Statement.
- Recognized as United Technologies Research Center Volunteer of the Year (1995).
- ♦ Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and EXCEL

# **EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD - West Hartford, Connecticut Major: Politics and Government, Minor: English 1999-2003 HARTFORD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN - Hartford, Connecticut

Associate in Arts: Liberal Arts, 1998 GPA: 3,7

Academic Achievements: Dean's List. Elected to Phi Theta Kappa

HARTFORD FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC GIVING's -- Executive Management Institute 2004-2005

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

Board President Hartford Community Loan Fund\*Board member Crime stoppers Hartford\*Executive Board Member Hartford Guides \*Steering Committee member of the Hartford Jobs Funnel\*Board member Hartford Botanical Garden\*Member of the MDC's Citizen Advisory Committee for the Clean Water Project\*Board member Board of Outreach Ministries Asylum Hill Congregational Church\*Voted by Hartford Magazine July 2008 as one of Greater Hartford's 50 most influential people.