

April 5, 2019

Dear Mayor Curtatone,

Please find my resume for consideration as a member of the Somerville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Since my retirement in 2016, I've been searching for opportunities to serve my community. I saw your advertisement for an SHA board member and realized my experience may be aligned with the role of a commissioner.

Indeed, my employment history includes part-time work at the SHA back in the early 1990s. I worked under the supervision of Mr. Michael Flaherty. He was then Director of Operations and now serves as the Executive Director of the town of Weymouth and Hull housing authorities. Please feel free to consult with him, or any of my past employers, for a reference.

I hope my experience in the public sector, with considerable expertise in construction is deemed beneficial to the mission and goals of the Somerville Housing Authority.

Sincerely,

Louis Ferrara

## **Louis Ferrara**



### **WORK HISTORY**

#### **Boston Line and Shipping**

Black Falcon Terminal South Boston MA

#### **Longshoreman 1975-2016**

ILA Local #1604 line handler for over 40 years. Responsible for securing cargo ships in the Boston Harbor and surrounding ports.

Member of bargaining committee that negotiated contracts with various shipping associations.

#### **Middlesex Sheriff's Office**

Billerica House of Corrections

#### **Deputy Superintendent of Facilities 1996-2010**

Project manager for Construction of new Tier Building Dormitories

Supervised renovation of over 300 cells

Developed inmate involvement initiatives to increase skills, promote more self-confidence and reduce recidivism

Transformed the horticultural program, increasing plant production for resale and added revenue back into the program.

Spearheaded Chow Hall reconstruction in main building to three classrooms for additional social and educational programs for inmates.

Led outreach efforts for inmate Community Work program (CWP) to place inmates in local businesses and housing authorities to perform painting and general maintenance projects for non-profits

#### **Middlesex Sheriff's Office**

#### **Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Maintenance 2010-2016**

Promoted to Assistant Superintendent- Responsible to direct, manage and supervise all facilities, operations, and general maintenance

Developed and implemented operational directives.

Achieved \$200,000 savings by converting facilities to green energy

Oversaw adherence to all departmental policies and procedures relevant to facilities operations. Managed staff of 29 laborers and tradesmen.

Converted boiler rooms to install new hot water tanks and high efficiency hot water boilers with onsite storage tank capacities. This allowed the MSO to shut down the High Pressure Boiler for 5-6 months and resulted in substantial energy savings.

Worked with Division of Capital Assets Management (DCAM) in securing emergency assistance with funding for various projects

**Somerville Housing Authority 1992-1996**

Part-Time Housing Inspector

Responsible to conduct in home property inspections of private rental properties to ensure compliance with all health codes, building codes, HUD Housing Quality Standards, and zoning compliance.

**Somerville YMCA Board of Directors 1995-Present**

Volunteer member of the Board of Directors overseeing all facets of administration and management.

**Certifications**

- Licensed HUD (HQS) Inspector
- State of Mass Unrestricted Construction Supervisor License
- Licensed Lead Removal
- Licensed Mold and Asbestos Control
- Public Contracting Overview- Mass Inspector General Certified public procurement officer (PPO)
- OSHA Occupational Safety and Health