



MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY
CITY OF PROVIDENCE

City of Providence Conflict of Interest Disclosure

The City of Providence is seeking an Exception to the Conflict of Interest regulations in accordance with 24 CFR Part 570.611.

DesignXRI, a nonprofit organization that receives CDBG funding administered by the Department of Housing and Human Services ("the Department"), wishes to hire Matt Cavallaro as an instructor for its 2024 program year. Mr. Cavallaro is in a romantic relationship with DesignXRI's co-executive director, Rue Sakayama, and the two share a household. The applicant must qualify under the Program's standard hiring procedures, the policies of the Community Development Block Grant Program, and state, federal, and local laws, regulations and procedures. In addition, Ms. Sakayama recused herself from the selection process.

A City Solicitor has reviewed the facts and rendered an opinion that the interest for which the exception is sought would not violate State or local laws and that the hiring of this applicant furthers the purposes of the CDBG program.

If you have any questions regarding this disclosure, please contact:

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Housing and Community Development Division
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Este aviso es importante, si no lo entiende, por favor llame a Xiomara Gonsalves 401-640-8404 para recibir una explicación.