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To: The Honorable Daryl Hendricks, City Council President
And Members of City Council

From: Mayor Ray O'Connell *RO'C*

Re: Nomination of Attorney Jorge M. Pereira

Date: January 13, 2020

This memorandum is to inform Allentown City Council that Mr. Jorge M. Pereira will be the Administration's nominee to City Council to become Assistant City Solicitor.

As you know, the position has been vacant since December 2019.

Mr. Pereira's resume is impressive and is attached for your review and consideration.

Mr. Pereira was admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State of New Jersey, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and for the District of New Jersey.

Jorge's areas of practice include torts, personal injury, automobile negligence, Civil Rights, Commercial Law, Contracts, Restrictive Covenants, Employment/Labor, Creditor Rights, Consumer/Debtor Advocacy, Landlord/Tenant, Real Estate, Minor Criminal and Family Law.

He is a seasoned civil attorney having litigated state matters in the Courts of Common Pleas of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Municipal Court, Magisterial District Courts of Pennsylvania and federal matters in the United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania.

Jorge earned his J. D. from Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey.

I am confident that Jorge will be a tremendous asset to the Solicitor's Office and will work well with City Council and the Administration as we move Allentown forward.

I welcome your prompt consideration of his nomination.

JORGE M. PEREIRA

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation Practice Areas: General Civil, Torts, Personal Injury, Automobile Negligence, Civil Rights, Commercial Law, Contracts, Restrictive Covenants, Employment/Labor, Creditor Rights, Consumer/Debtor Advocacy, Landlord/Tenant, Real Estate, Minor Criminal and Family Law.

Transactional/Contract Experience: Employment Contracts, Vendor Agreements, Commercial and Residential Leases, Real Estate Purchase Agreements, Land Use agreements Incorporations, Corporate By-Laws, Partnership Agreements, and Restrictive Covenants.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State of New Jersey, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and for the District of New Jersey.
- Seasoned civil attorney having litigated state matters in the Courts of Common Pleas of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Municipal Court, Magisterial District Courts of Pennsylvania, and federal matters in the United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Pennsylvania.
- Appellate experience in the Pennsylvania Superior Court, Pennsylvania Supreme Court, United States Bankruptcy Court, and United States Court of Appeals for The Third Circuit.
- Co-counsel for a precedent-setting case in the U.S. District Court of Appeals for 3rd Circuit, *Sovereign Bank v William Schwab, trustee, et al.*
- Litigated successfully several §1983 Civil Rights law suits against the City of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Police department, and other municipalities.
- Defended UGI Utilities, Inc. against customer formal complaints before Pennsylvania Utility Commissions.
- Managed large-scale collection practice and successfully litigated hundreds of debt collection cases for large clients including, but not limited to, American Express, Wells Fargo, Discover, Capital One, Applied Card and GE Capital.

WORK HISTORY

Prince Law Offices, P.C. - Bechtelsville, PA	April 2015 - present
The Law of Business, PC. - Allentown, PA	October 2011 - March 2015
Douglas Marinos & Associates, P.C. - Allentown, PA	February 1998 - September 2011
Peter J. Karoly & Associates - Allentown, PA	May 1997 - January 1998
Mark J. Hoffman & Associates - Harleysville, PA	May 1995 - April 1997
Maloney, Danyi, Davis & Danyi - Bethlehem, PA	January 1994 - April 1995

EDUCATION

Rutgers Law School , Newark, New Jersey	August 1991 - May 1994
Graduated with Juris Doctorate	
Legal Internship with Honorable Robert Freedberg, P.J. Northampton County Court of Common Pleas	May 1991 - August 1991
Rutgers University , New Brunswick, New Jersey	August 1998 - May 1991
Graduated with B.A. Political Science, Minor in Psychology	
Moravian College , Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	August 1987 - May 1988

LANGUAGES, INTERESTS & ASSOCIATIONS

Fluent in Portuguese.

Former President and Vice President of Lehigh Valley Rugby Football Club

Founding Member of the Lehigh Valley Cigar Club