

## Office of Mayor Miro Weinberger

## **MEMORANDUM**

To:

City Council

From:

Mayor Miro Weinberger

Date:

March 4, 2014

Re:

Appointment of Dr. Pablo Bose to BHA Board of Commissioners

This memo is to inform the City Council that I am appointing Dr. Pablo Bose, Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Vermont (UVM), to the Burlington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4004(a), the Mayor has sole authority to appoint BHA commissioners.

Pablo's work has focused on issues related to migration, transnationalism, diasporas, and diverse environments. According to his UVM biography, his earlier work focused on environmental advocacy and grassroots social justice issues, and his current research includes "work on refugee resettlement in non-traditional destinations, examining the impact on both receiving locations and migrant communities of their resettlement in places like Chittenden County." Pablo also served as a member of the Public Investment Team charged with reviewing community proposals submitted to the Public Action Investment Plan as part of the process to develop ideas for potential infrastructure investments in the City's waterfront. Pablo will bring an important perspective as BHA continues to provide housing and rental assistance to both New American and native-born households from diverse backgrounds.

This appointment is effective retroactive to January 17, 2014 and expires January 17, 2015, as Pablo will serve the remainder of Clarence Davis's original term.

CC:

Paul Dettman, BHA Dr. Pablo Bose