

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11 - 92

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PUERTO RICAN/LATINO AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to secure equal opportunity for all citizens of the City of Philadelphia:

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve the City's efforts to assist people of Puerto Rican/Latino origin;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for greater cooperation, communication, and coordination of services on a City-wide basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, by the power vested in me in accordance with Section 3-1000(h) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PUERTO RICAN/LATINO AFFAIRS

The Mayor's Commission on Puerto Rican/Latino Affairs (the "Commission") is hereby established within the Mayor's Office. The Commission shall be composed of at least 15 members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Commission is:

1. To advise and report to the Mayor on the status of Puerto Rican/Latino Affairs in Philadelphia and to recommend policies and programs which improve the quality of life;
2. To monitor the implementation and effectiveness of these policies and programs and their impact on the quality of life of the community on specific timetables;
3. To establish a proactive approach to policy analysis and formulation which infuses a Puerto Rican/Latino perspective and presence which serves as an institutional resource for the City government of Philadelphia; and
4. To work in cooperation with City agencies to ensure that quality services are provided to persons of Puerto Rican/Latino origin.

### SECTION 3. ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

1. The Commission shall consist of no less than 15 members, appointed by the Mayor.
2. All appointments and terms shall be determined by the Mayor.
3. The members of the Commission shall serve without salary.
4. The Mayor shall appoint chairpersons. The Commission may select or elect other officers as needed.
5. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and internal organization. Such rules shall become effective only after approval by the Mayor or his designee. All rules shall be consistent with the provisions of this Executive Order.
6. The Commission shall convene regularly at such times and places as it may by rule designate. It shall convene no less than six times per year.

### SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS

1. The Commission shall be responsible for advising the Mayor on initiation, development, and implementation of policies and programs throughout the City government to achieve the purposes and goals of this Executive Order.
2. The Commission shall submit to the Mayor an annual report summarizing its work, and additional reports as deemed necessary.
3. The Commission shall hold an annual open community forum to report its work and accomplishments of the past year.
4. The Commission may request from any department, division, board, bureau, commission, or any other agency of the City or any political subdivision thereof or public authority, cooperation, assistance, information, and data needed by the Commission to properly carry out its powers and duties hereunder.

### SECTION 5. OTHER PROVISIONS

1. The Commission shall comply consistently with all applicable laws, including those of the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

1. This order shall become effective immediately.

DATE: November 12, 1992

BY: Edward G Rendell  
Edward G. Rendell  
Mayor