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**Executive Order**  
**Central Falls Nuisance Task Force**  
**2015-0002**

I, James A. Diossa, Mayor of the City of Central Falls, hereby amend my Executive Order of October 15, 2013, creating the City of Central Falls Nuisance Properties Task Force as follows.

The mission of the Central Falls Nuisance Task Force is to create inter-departmental cooperation in identifying and abating nuisance properties in a holistic and systematic way: properties that negatively impact our neighborhoods, the quality of housing, and the health and life of city residents, businesses and visitors.

A nuisance is as defined in relevant city and state law and as follows: any property that, by virtue of its physical condition, activity, or situation, poses a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the community or otherwise compromises the quality of life for nearby properties.

The Nuisance Properties Task Force is hereby directed to meet at least twice each month and to accomplish the following goals and objectives:

- Create a system to document, track and report on nuisance properties;
- Research and document best practices to address nuisance properties;
- Develop and implement strategies for nuisance abatement that are individually tailored to targeted nuisance property;
- Meet with and assist owners, neighbors and interested parties of nuisance properties in abating the nuisances;
- Request prosecution for those liable for nuisance properties who fail or refuse to abate nuisances;
- Facilitate the transfer of abandoned or otherwise severely neglected properties to responsible owners;
- Identify potential urban redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization opportunities and to facilitate the coordinated and efficient realization of these opportunities;
- Provide multilingual community education and awareness with respect to foreclosure, nuisance avoidance and abatement, responsible ownership, and landlord-tenant relations;

- Complete a comprehensive review, identify improvements and propose revisions of city ordinances; and
- Improve the overall quality of housing stock and quality of life in the neighborhoods in the City of Central Falls.

I hereby appoint the following twelve (13) members to the Nuisance Task Force, who shall serve until re-appointment or resignation:

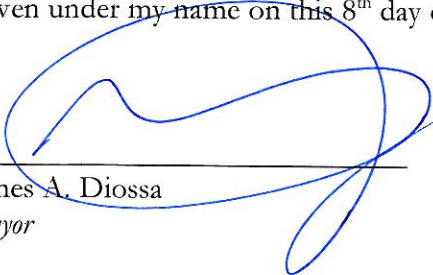
- Robert Weber, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor, Chair
- Elaine Partridge, Director of Code Enforcement, Vice-Chair
- Matthew Jerzyk, Esq., City Solicitor
- Col. James Mendonca, Chief of the Police Department, or his designee
- Chief Robert Bradley, of the Fire Department or his designee
- Tina Sullivan, Director of Central Falls Housing Authority
- Lisette Gomes, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor, Housing Prosecutor
- Bob Battey, Tax Assessor, or his designee
- Steve Larrick, Director of Planning, or his designee
- Dianny Pena, Pawtucket Central Falls Development Corporation
- Hon. Ann Racquier, Central Falls City Council
- Sonia Grace, City Clerk, or her designee
- Joe Lindbeck, Office of the Attorney General, or her designee

Citizen input is crucial to the success of this Task Force. As such, I hereby direct the Chair to notice all of the Task Force meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act so that the public may attend and interact with the Task Force's inter-departmental work to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods: including notices to the Secretary of State's website and the City's website. In addition, I direct the Chair to post the minutes to the Secretary of State's website and the City's website. The Chair may appoint a Secretary for purposes of these notice and posting requirements.

The Office of the Attorney General has invested \$250,000 in the work of the Task Force. As such, I hereby direct the Chair to publish the Memorandum of Agreement between the Office of Attorney General and the City, along with any corresponding reporting requirements on the following city website: <http://www.CentralFallsRI.us/NuisanceTaskForce>.

This amended executive order shall take effect immediately.

Given under my name on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015,



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James A. Diosa  
*Mayor*