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Alum Matthew Jerzyk '08 has been appointed to serve as Mayor-elect Angel Taveras' director of government relations and senior counsel to the mayor.

From The Providence Journal: "[Providence Mayor-elect Angel Taveras appoints 2 top aides](#)" by Journal Staff Writer Alisha A. Pina.



PROVIDENCE, Dec. 31, 2010 — Attorney

Matthew Jerzyk [RWU Law '08] will serve as Mayor-elect **Angel Taveras'** director of government relations and senior counsel to the mayor.

Taveras also announced Thursday that Gonzalo Cuervo, a staff member of outgoing Mayor David N. Cicilline, will be his deputy chief of staff.

Jerzyk will coordinate the city's legislative agenda with the City Council, state and federal government.

He currently is in private practice at DeLuca and Weizenbaum Ltd., a civil litigation firm in Providence. Jerzyk also serves as a legislative liaison for the Rhode Island Association for Justice.

Jerzyk has served on the boards of various organizations, including PrYsm, the Rhode Island Coalition for Immigrants and Refugees, the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence and the state Democratic Party. He also was founder of the political blog RI Future.

He received his bachelor's degree from Brown University and his juris doctorate from **Roger Williams University School of Law**.

"I am excited that Matthew and Gonzalo are joining my administration," Taveras said. "**Matthew** will be using his legal and government-relations background to promote our policy agenda to move Providence forward. Gonzalo will build our team through his first-rate communications skills and complex understanding of how government works."

Cuervo will work closely with incoming Chief of Staff J.R. Pagliarini to manage day-to-day operations within the mayor's office.

He has worked for Cicilline in several important capacities: director of communications, director of community relations and senior manager of communications. Previously, he was communications manager at Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island.

Cuervo has also served on the boards of several organizations, including Greater Elmwood Neighborhood Services, Dorcas Place Adult Literacy Center and Progreso Latino. He is currently on the advisory board of Community Works Rhode Island.

The Providence resident received his bachelor's degree from Springfield College.

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