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**Charlotte Golar Richie Releases Bold New Plan to Increase Boston Jobs**

-Says access to good jobs at good wages is crucial to solving the City's public safety, education, and housing challenges-

(Boston, MA) Boston mayoral candidate Charlotte Golar Richie released her plan to create job growth in Boston for Boston residents this Labor Day. Citing a January 2013 Economy Report from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, which states that 17,000 jobs will be added to the Boston workforce over the next three years, Richie says, "As Mayor of Boston, I will push to double that number during my first term in office, and I will make sure that Boston residents receive a fair share of these new jobs, particularly those residents that have been hardest hit over the past several years by the recession."

Richie's plan for job creation will include the following:

- Preparing Boston residents, especially young people, to work on the construction of the projected 30,000 housing units coming online by 2020.
- Challenging partners in the business community to create 30,000 new jobs over the next three years for Boston residents with emphasis on placing low-income residents and women who are single heads of households.
- Utilizing the available funds from the finalized Casino Agreement to add \$2 million per year to the Neighborhood Jobs Trust in addition to linkage funds for job training services for residents seeking job training to prepare for the workforce.
- Working with our local trade unions to expand and fund apprentice training programs for city residents as well as working with them to recruit residents from across the city seeking careers in the trades. She will also fund from city resources new vocational training programs at Madison Park High School, to prepare residents for those union apprenticeship programs.
- Advocating for an increase of the minimum wage from \$8 dollars per hour to \$10.00 per hour, and supporting a current proposal to the State Legislature that seeks to achieve this increase.
- Creating, by Executive Order, the Mayor's Jobs Council consisting of representatives from the health care sector, financial services sector, real estate developers, higher education, trade unions, and the tourism and energy sectors to monitor and advise her administration on the progress of this jobs plan and to recommend new approaches based on job growth trends.

As a State Representative, Richie formed the Dorchester-Roxbury Labor Committee to empower citizens to help them fight for local jobs. This pro union/pro Boston jobs group has been highly effective on projects like the Kroc Center in Dorchester and the Ferdinand Building in Roxbury, which have each seen local union members of diverse races and genders working shoulder to shoulder to rebuild Boston communities. Also, as the head of the department of neighborhood development, Richie's priority was to ensure that neighborhood projects bring neighborhood jobs as evidenced in the Dartmouth Hotel (Nubian Notion building) and Palladio Hall in Dudley Square.

**FOR MORE ABOUT CHARLOTTE GOLAR RICHIE:**

*Charlotte Golar Richie is the former chief of housing and neighborhood development for the City of Boston. She served as state representative, representing Dorchester and Roxbury, as an executive with YouthBuild USA, and as advisor to Governor Deval Patrick. She is the only candidate running for mayor who has managed a city agency, balancing a \$100 million budget and overseeing a staff of 200 employees. Find out more at [www.charlotteformayor.com](http://www.charlotteformayor.com).*

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