

My name is Jorge A. Flores and I am 62 years old. I was born and raised in Puerto Rico and have lived in Hartford, Connecticut for the past 38 years. I served in the Army for four years, graduated from the University of Hartford and retired after working for thirty years at the Hartford Housing Authority.

What follows is a short history about Puerto Rico after 1898 and my recommendation for economic development. After the Spanish American War, Puerto Rico became a United States unincorporated territory. The PR Insular Cases heard before the US Supreme Court supported this belief and decided that Puerto Rico belonged but was not part of the United States.

This new political relationship between the US and its territories has made political and economic development impossible. In order for Puerto Rico to fully develop economically, socially, judicially and politically, I suggest that Puerto Rico be incorporated to the US with its citizens enjoying all the rights and responsibilities that this new relationship provides.

Thank you for the opportunity.

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