

# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



The Credo of the Providence City Council is to be Industrious, to be Watchful and to Promote Peace. The bee, as a symbol of industry, is derived from the early colonial saying "Busy as a Bee"; the goose, as a symbol of watchfulness, is derived from the story of the goose whose cackling saved Rome; and the lamb, as a symbol of peace, is derived from the biblical use of the lamb as a symbol of peace.



IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 21 2024

APPROVED: *James L. Masterson* CLERK

# **CITY COUNCIL**

## **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**No. 6 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, March 7, 2024, 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

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### **PRESIDING**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

### **RACHEL M. MILLER**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 13.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 2.**

**ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES**.

"Madam President and Members of this Honorable Body, let us come together with open hearts and open minds that are pursued for a brighter future in the City of Providence. Let us come together for the most vulnerable in our city and let's champion the values of unity, compassion and innovation. Together, we can overcome the challenges, transform our communities and ideally create a legacy of progress for the residents of our city. I hope that tonight we can continue to embark on this journey with determination, with hope and with unity because with unity there is strength. Amen."

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN ALTHEA A. GRAVES** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

**COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I am going to read the ALPHAS citation. Be it hereby known to all that the Providence City Council hereby offers its sincerest congratulations to ALPHAS, in recognition of your commitment and dedication to revitalizing and strengthening neighborhoods, and for your mission to uplift, empower and emphasize the importance of community, with a focus specifically designed to empower Black and Hispanic boys and young men in Providence through your mentoring program, fostering a culture of non-violence and leadership both in and outside of school."

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 5 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held February 15, 2024.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 3 and Move Approval, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

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## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 11, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Section 21-221(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, he is this day appointing **Emily Crowell, Chief of Staff for the City of Providence**, as his designee on the **Downtown District Management Authority Board of Directors** for a term to expire on June 30, 2024. (Ms. Crowell replaces Ms. Pollock who has resigned).

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 12, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council and the City Clerk that pursuant to Resolution 2024-50, he is this day appointing **Kethural Manokaran, Policy Associate for the City of Providence** as his designee to the **City of Providence's Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council**.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 12, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council and the City Clerk that pursuant to Resolution 2024-50, he is this day appointing **Allen Williams** of 96 Hazel Street, Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865, to the **City of Providence's Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council**.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 12, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 42-63.1-11 of the Rhode Island General Laws, he is this day appointing **Joe Wilson, Jr. Director of Art, Culture and Tourism for the City of Providence**, to the **Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau**, for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 14, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Tony Aguilar** of 2 Richmond Square, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to expire on January 31, 2026. (Mr. Aguilar replaces Mr. Ganguly whose term has expired).

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## **APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated March 1, 2024, Informing the City Clerk that pursuant to Resolution 2024-50, she is this day appointing the following members to the Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council.

- Diana Garlington of 276 Indiana Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02905 (Community Representative)
- Jill Van Leesten of 1540 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920 (Community Representative)
- James Monteiro of 1 Empire Plaza, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 (Community Representative)
- Lisa Pina-Warren of 265 Oxford Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905 (Community Representative)

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 8,  
Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives items 4 through 9.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>	
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## **ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING**

**The Following Ordinance was in City Council February 15, 2024, Read and Passed the First Time, Referred to the Committee on Finance and is Returned for Passage the Second Time, As Amended:**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending the Tax Stabilization Agreement between the City of Providence and 101 Richmond, LLC.

That Ordinance 2022-66 Entitled “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND 101 RICHMOND, LLC” be amended as follows:

### **TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENT**

This agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between the City of Providence, a Rhode Island municipal corporation (“City”) and 101 Richmond LLC (“Property Owner”) (collectively, “the parties”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Property Owner is the owner of certain real property located in the City at 101 Richmond Street, also known as Assessor’s Plat 24, Lot 678; and

WHEREAS, Property Owner has proposed and committed to a complete rehabilitation of a structure and/or improvements on its property, thus returning the property to productive use in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws § 44-3-9 and the construction plans already submitted to the City by Property Owner; and

WHEREAS, Under Article 13, Section 5 of the Rhode Island Constitution, the General Assembly retains exclusive power over matters relating to municipal taxation. Notwithstanding, and pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §44-3-9, the General Assembly has authorized the City of Providence, acting through its City Council and subject to certain enumerated conditions, to exempt or determine a stabilized amount of taxes to be paid on account of real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ordinance 2021-15 No. 251, the granting of the tax stabilization will inure to the benefit of the City of Providence by reason of Property Owner's proposal qualifying as an Eligible Project because it benefits the City of Providence by and through:

- (i) an improvement which converts or makes available land or facility that would otherwise be not developable or difficult to develop without substantial environmental remediation; and/or
- (ii) the willingness of a manufacturing or commercial or residential firm or property owner to construct new or to replace, reconstruct, convert, expand, retain or remodel existing buildings, facilities, machinery, or equipment with modern buildings, facilities, fixtures, machinery, or equipment resulting in an increase or maintenance in plant, residential housing or commercial building investment by the firm or property owner in the City.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ordinance 2021-15, subsequent to "Certified Project Development Costs" as submitted in Property Owner's Tax Stabilization Agreement Application attached hereto as Exhibit A Property Owner's Eligible project has a hereby updated certified project development cost of \$3,272,204 and therefore falls into the following category:

- i. Category II - Certified project development costs for construction or rehabilitation are more than \$3,000,000.00 and less than or equal to \$10,000,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, In consideration of the mutual agreements and promises set forth herein and other good and lawful consideration the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows below:

## SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

"Property" shall mean certain real property together with any and all buildings, structures, and/or improvements now or in the future located in the City at 101 Richmond Street, also known as Assessor's Plat 24, Lot 678.

"Property Owner" shall mean 101 Richmond LLC, or any entity with a recorded legal or equitable right and/or interest in and/or to the Property, including any and all successors and assigns.

“Applicant” shall mean the Property Owner at the time at which the application was filed with the Tax Assessor’s Office in accordance with Section 5 of the Ordinance, or the Property Owner’s respective past, present and future subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, shareholders, members, principals, trustees, agents, employees, servants and representatives, and the past, present and future subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, shareholders, members, principals, trustees, agents, employees, servants and representatives, heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of any and all of the foregoing.

“City of Providence” or “City” shall mean that municipal corporation established and organized pursuant to the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island and the City of Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended in accordance with Article XIII of the Rhode Island Constitution.

“Providence City Council” or “City Council” shall mean the legislative body of the City of Providence (defined above) established pursuant to Article IV of the City of Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended.

“Event of Default” shall mean any occurrence after the Effective Date (defined below) of non-compliance or violation of the terms and provisions of the Ordinance (defined below), whether affirmative or by omission, negligent or willful, for any or no reason. Technical default or substantive default shall be handled in the same matter.

“Effective Date” shall mean December 21, 2022.

The “Ordinance” shall mean the ordinance passed by the City Council as Ordinance No. 2021-21 No. 251, codified, or to be codified, as Article XVIII to Chapter 21 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, pursuant to which this Agreement is made. Said Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

## SECTION 2. TAX STABILIZATION.

Section 2.1. Grant. The City, in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 44-3-9 and the City of Providence Code of Ordinances, does hereby grant a ten (10) year tax stabilization in favor of the Property Owner with respect to the Property.

Section 2.2. Term. The tax stabilization term shall be the period commencing on December 31, 2022 and terminating on December 31, 2031.

Section 2.3. Plan. During the tax stabilization term as defined in Section 2.2 above, the City has determined the stabilized amount of taxes to be paid by the Property Owner with respect to the Property, notwithstanding the valuation of the Property or the then-current rate of tax as follows:



For tax year 2023, the Property Owner shall make a tax payment equal to the taxes due and owing as of Tax Year 2022, (hereinafter the “Base”). The Property Owner shall continue to make tax payments as outlined in the Fiscal Impact Statement attached as Exhibit B.

Section 2.4. Payment Deadlines. During the tax stabilization term as defined in Section 2.2 above and in accordance with the tax stabilization plan outlined in Section 2.3 above, stabilized tax payments shall be made in either a lump sum during the first quarter of the applicable tax year or in equal quarterly installments at the discretion of the Property Owner. If the Property Owner elects to make quarterly installments, each quarterly installment shall be due on the same date that quarterly taxes are due for all other taxpayers in the City of Providence.

Section 2.5. Obligation of Property Owner to Make Payment. During the tax stabilization term as defined in Section 2.2 above and in accordance with the tax stabilization plan outlined in Section 2.3 above, stabilized tax payments shall be an obligation of the Property Owner.

Section 2.6. Non-Receipt of Stabilized Tax Bill. Failure by the City to send or failure by the Property Owner to receive a stabilized tax bill does not excuse the nonpayment of the stabilized tax nor affect its validity or any action or proceeding for the collection of the tax in accordance with this Agreement or otherwise.

Section 2.7. Recording of Agreement, Running with Land. Upon the execution of this Agreement, the Property Owner shall cause this Agreement to be recorded at its expense in the City’s official public land evidence records. This recording shall be construed to provide a complete additional alternative method under contract law for the securitization of payments due and owing under this Agreement and shall be regarded as supplemental and in addition to the powers conferred by other state and local laws.

### SECTION 3. PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS.

Section 3.1. Commencement of Performance.

Rehabilitation and/or construction shall commence within twelve (12) months and shall complete within thirty-six (36) months of the effective date of this Agreement.

If the Property Owners and/or Applicants fail to meet either of these deadlines, they shall be required to retroactively pay the difference between their actual stabilized tax payments and what they would have paid if ineligible for this Agreement. The Property Owner may, twelve (12) months prior to the applicable deadline, submit a request to the city council for approval of an extension to such applicable deadline.

Section 3.2. Permits and Certificates of Occupancy.

Property Owner shall obtain all permits and certificates of occupancy as required by state and local law in connection with any and all intended construction or rehabilitation at the Property.

Section 3.3. Internal Revenue Service reporting.

Except as provided under R.I.G.L. § 28-42-8, any person performing services at the Eligible Property shall annually receive either a W-2 statement or an IRS Form 1099.

Section 3.4. Category II Performance Requirements.

In accordance with the Ordinance, Property Owner, its successors or assigns, shall, fully comply with Ordinance Section 6. "Additional Requirements for stabilized projects" as set forth below as a Category II Project.

Section 1. Chapter 21, "Revenue and Finance," Article XVIII, The Providence Tax Stabilization Investment Act, SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STABILIZED PROJECTS.

Section 6.A. Commencement of Performance. Unless otherwise provided for in an agreement executed pursuant to this Ordinance, construction or rehabilitation shall commence within twelve (12) months and shall obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from the Department of Inspections and Standards within thirty-six (36) months of the effective date of said agreement. Property Owner/Applicants who fail to meet either of these deadlines will be required to retroactively pay the difference between their actual stabilized tax payments and what they would have paid if ineligible for the specified tax considerations. The owner may, twelve (12) months prior to the applicable deadline, submit a request to the city council for approval of an extension to such applicable deadline

Section 6.B. Permits and Certificates of Occupancy. Property Owner/Applicant shall obtain all permits and certificates of occupancy as required by state and local law in connection with any and all intended construction or rehabilitation.

Section 6.C. MBE/WBE. Where found to be applicable and for any of the terms of the stabilization period as defined in Section 4.A. above, the Property Owner afforded the stabilization of taxes as described herein shall comply with any and all requirements under Chapter 21 Article II Section 52 of the Providence Code of Ordinances as it pertains to Minority and Women Business Enterprises.

Section 6.D. Internal Revenue Service reporting. Except as provided under R.I.G.L. § 28-42-8, any person performing services at the Eligible Property shall annually receive either a W-2 statement or an IRS Form 1099.

Section 6.E. First Source. Where found to be applicable and for any of the terms of the stabilization period as defined in Section 4.A. above, the Property Owner afforded the stabilization of taxes as described herein shall enter into a First Source Agreement with the Director of First Source Providence in accordance with Chapter 21 Article III1/2 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, including at least one (1%) percent of the total amount of discounted taxes to be directed to the first source trust fund, per Section 21-95.

Section 6.F. Equal Employment. Where found to be applicable and for any of the terms of the stabilization period as defined in Section 4.A. above, the Property Owner afforded the stabilization of taxes as described herein shall work with the City's Office of Human Resources, Division of Equal Employment Opportunity to ensure the City's goals to prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin are met. Moreover, the Property Owner will take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status or disability.

Section 6.G. "Buy Providence" Initiative. Where found to be applicable and for any of the terms of the stabilization period as defined in Section 4.A. above, the Property Owner afforded the stabilization of taxes as described herein shall use best efforts to ensure that construction materials are purchased from economically competitive and qualified vendors located in the city of Providence. In furtherance of this effort, the project site owner will work with the city to develop a list of Providence vendors and subcontractors in order to create a preferred vendor list of qualified and economically competitive vendors for the construction of the project. Furthermore, once the project site owner constructs the development, the project site owner will use good faith efforts to conduct ongoing business with and provide preference to economically competitive and qualified Providence businesses.

#### Section 6.H. Apprenticeship.

Section 6.H.i. Requirement. Except for Category I Projects, as defined in Section 3(B)(i), the Property Owner shall ensure that one hundred (100) percent of the hours worked on the project shall be performed by all trade construction contractors and subcontractors who have or are affiliated with an apprenticeship program as defined in 29 C.F.R. § 29 et seq. for craft employed. Additionally, the Property Owner shall ensure that all bidding documents for the work to be performed on the Eligible Project includes express and conspicuous language evidencing the requirement found in this sub-section. As part of it contract with the construction manager and/or general contractor, the Property Owner shall require that not less than ten (10) percent of the total hours worked by the contractors' and subcontractors' employees on the project are completed by apprentices registered in the aforementioned apprenticeship programs.

As part of it contract with the construction manager and/or general contractor, the Property Owner shall, require that all contractors and subcontractors submit to the City quarterly verification reports to ensure compliance with this section. Failure to comply with or meet the requirements of this subsection shall be a material violation of the owner's obligations under this chapter.

Section 6.H.ii. Exemptions. The Property Owner, its Prime Contractor, or any other person/entity authorized by the Property Owner, may petition the City of Providence's Director of Planning and Development, or his/her designee to adjust the requirements found herein this Section 6.H to a lower percentage upon a showing that:

1. A trade or field does not have an apprenticeship program or cannot produce members from its program capable of performing the scope of work within the contract; or
2. The size and scope of the work will not allow for the contractor to comply with apprenticeship ratio requirements for the craft affected; or
3. For any other non-economic justifiable reason that demonstrates good cause.

Accompanying the petition mentioned in this sub-section, the petitioning entity must provide contemporary evidence of the efforts taken to comply with this section, including but not limited to the bidding and responsive documents for the scopes of work for which the petitioning entity is seeking an exemption.

#### Section 6.I. Project Compliance.

Any and all tax stabilization agreements granted pursuant to this Ordinance shall in no way confer that the underlying project (construction or rehabilitation) is either compliant with the Providence Zoning Ordinance or has received the necessary approvals from the Historic District Commission, the Downtown Design Review Committee, the Capital Center Commission, the City Plan Commission, the Zoning Board of Review, or the I-195 Redevelopment Commission (as applicable). Default under an agreement executed pursuant to this Ordinance for failure to receive one or more of the above-mentioned approvals shall not entitle an applicant to a refund of their application fee.

#### Section 6.J. Prohibited and Restricted Uses.

Section 6.J.i. Prohibited Uses. Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements found in Section 3 of this Sub-Article, nor any other provision in the Providence Code of Ordinances or the Rhode Island General Laws to the contrary, the following uses, as defined by Chapter 27 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, shall not be permitted a tax stabilization agreement formed pursuant to this Sub-Article:

1. Adult use, including adult bookstore/retail, adult arcade, adult cabaret, adult motion picture theater, and adult hotel/motel;
2. Compassion center/cultivation center;
3. Contractor storage yard;
4. Fraternity/sorority;
5. Landfill;
6. Materials processing of scrap metal;
7. Storage yard-Outdoor; and
8. The following Retail Uses:
  - a. Gun Stores
  - b. Payday Lending
  - c. Check-cashing Operations

Section 6.J.ii. Restricted Uses. Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements found in Section 3 of this Sub-Article, nor any other provision in the Providence Code of Ordinances or the Rhode Island General Laws to the contrary, if any the following uses, as defined by Chapter 27 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, exceeds twenty-five percent (25%) of the usable square footage of the project, then a tax stabilization agreement formed pursuant to this Sub-Article shall not be permitted:

1. Bar;
2. Nightclub; and
3. Retail sales of alcohol.

Section 6.K. City of Providence Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. Upon passage of this Ordinance by the Providence City Council, the Property Owner party to each tax stabilization agreement formed pursuant to this Sub-Article shall contribute to a Trust Fund established by the City of Providence, of which the Treasurer shall be the trustee. The Fund shall be identified as the "City of Providence Parks and Recreation Trust Fund." The Board of Park Commissioners shall establish regulations pertaining to the disbursement of funds.

Section 6.K.i. Payments to the Fund. The Property Owner shall make annual payments to the Fund in the amount of seven percent (7%) of the estimated total of taxes abated (as shown in the Tax Assessor's Fiscal Note in Section 5.C) amortized over the term of the tax stabilization agreement. Notwithstanding anything mentioned in this sub-section, the Property Owner shall pay the following amounts in the Fund annually in the tax years in which the Property Owner pays a base assessment tax: (1) for Category II Projects Property Owners shall pay \$1,000.00 each tax year; (2) for Category III Projects Property Owners shall pay \$1,500.00 each tax year; and (3) for Category IV Projects Property Owners shall pay \$2,500.00 each tax year. Said annual payments will be payable within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice for the same from the Office of the Tax Assessor. If, for any reason, this Ordinance is retroactively revoked, payments to the fund shall remain and will not be forfeited due to a default.

Section 6.K.ii. Investment and Distribution of the Fund. The trust fund will be invested by the Board of Investment, and an annual distribution of the investment shall be used to provide funds to the Department of Parks and to the Department of Recreation for capital improvements in neighborhood parks and recreation centers. Said annual distribution shall not supplant any funds that are provided to the Department of Parks and the Department of Recreation through the operating budget. The aggregate amount of the distribution in any individual year shall not exceed four percent (4%). Distributions may never exceed the earnings in the year of distribution or reduce the corpus of the fund. The first distribution from the fund shall not occur until the fifth year after the first payment to the fund has been made.

Section 6.L. Affordable Housing Trust. Pursuant to City of Providence Ordinance Chapter 2019-91 No. 355, as amended (the "Trust Ordinance"), ten percent (10%) of revenues collected annually from all Tax Stabilization Agreements shall be transferred and deposited into the Providence Housing Trust Fund.

Section 6.M. Payment of Area Standard Wages. All construction workers shall be paid in accordance with the wages and benefits required by R.I. Gen. Law § 37-13-1 et seq. and all contractors and subcontractors shall file certified payrolls on a monthly basis to the Department of Planning with the same information required by R.I. Gen. Law §37-13-1 et. seq. Not paying any worker in accordance with this section shall constitute a material violation of this ordinance and/or a material breach of the developer's agreement with the City and the City or City Council shall have the discretion to initiate the Default Notice and Cure provisions outlined in Section 11 of this Ordinance. This section shall not apply to Category I and Category II projects.

Section 6.N. Post Construction Jobs. Applicants for any Tax Stabilization Agreement under this Ordinance shall be eligible for tax relief provided in the agreement, provided that the applicant commits that, effective 180 days following the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the applicant will maintain a wage for all employees at the project subject to tax stabilization of at least twice the United States Department of Health and Human Services Federal Poverty Guideline for a family of three (3), divided into an hourly wage at forty (40) hours per week, fifty-two (52) weeks per year, provided that up to five dollars (\$5.00) per hour of this wage requirement may be offset dollar-for-dollar by any payments the employer makes to fund the employee's health care or retirement, and provided further that any provision of this subsection may be waived by a clear and unmistakable waiver in an unexpired collective-bargaining agreement. This section shall not apply to Category I and Category II projects.

## SECTION 4. TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY.

Section 4.1. Transfer Generally. Stabilized tax payments shall be an obligation of the Property Owner during the tax stabilization term as defined in Section 2.2 above and in accordance with the tax stabilization plan outlined in Section 2.3 above, without regard to any transfer of the Property. Additionally, in accordance with Section 2.7, the burdens and benefits of this Agreement will run with the land, and as for payment of taxes shall run in favor of the City regardless of any transfer of ownership. The Property Owner further agrees to provide prior written notice to the City before any transfer of the Property so that the City may make a determination, in its sole discretion, as to whether or not stabilization under this Agreement will continue.

Section 4.2. Transfer to Tax Exempt Entities. In the event that the Property Owner transfers the Property to a tax-exempt entity, this Agreement shall be void ab initio and any entity holding an equitable or legal interest in the Property on or after the Effective Date of this Agreement shall be jointly and severally liable for the full taxes due and owing from the Effective Date of this Agreement and forward.

Section 4.3. Post-Expiration Transfers. In the event that any Property Owner transfers the Property to a tax-exempt entity within five years from the end of the tax stabilization term, as defined in Section 2.2 above, any and all Property Owners will pay the following: five percent (5%) of the sale price in said transfer if sold to a tax-exempt entity in the first year following the end of the Term; four percent (4%) of the sale price in said transfer if sold to a tax-exempt entity in the second year following the end of the Term; three percent (3%) of the sale price in said transfer if sold to a tax-exempt entity in the third year following the end of the Term; two percent (2%) of the sale price in said transfer if sold to a tax-exempt entity in the fourth year following the end of the Term; and one percent (1%) of the sale price in said transfer if sold to a tax-exempt entity in the fifth year following the end of the Term.

## SECTION 5. DEFAULT, NOTICE, AND CURE.

### Section 5.1. Default Notices and Cure Periods.

Upon presentation of evidence suggesting a possible Event of Default, the City Solicitor, or outside counsel hired by the City Council President or their designee in the event that the City Solicitor fails to act, shall provide written notice to the Property Owner of such potential Event of Default (the "First Notice") and shall notify the Property Owner that it shall have sixty (60) days, from the date the First Notice is sent by the City Solicitor, to cure any Event of Default under this Agreement (the "Initial Cure Period"). If said Event of Default is not cured within the Initial Cure Period, then the City Solicitor shall notify the Property Owner in writing (the "Second Notice") that the Agreement is terminated and that a bill will be sent out by the Tax Assessor sixty (60) days from the date of the Second Notice. Said bill shall be for the abated taxes to date and those amounts including, but not limited to, any amounts of taxes due and owing but not paid, interest, penalties, assessments, and fees associated therewith ("Delinquency Bill").

The Property Owner may petition the City Council in writing for additional time beyond the Initial Cure Period in order to cure any alleged Event of Default (an “Extended Cure Period”). Once filed with the City Clerk, a petition requesting an Extended Cure Period will toll the time period between the Second Notice and the issuance of the Delinquency Bill, until the petition is either approved, denied, or withdrawn. An indefinite continuance shall constitute a denial.

## SECTION 6. MONTHLY AND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT.

### Section 6.1. Reporting Generally.

The Property Owner shall provide monthly reports to the City Council, or the Council’s designee, and in such instance that the property subject to the Agreement formed hereunder is within the jurisdiction of the I-195 Commission then the Commission as well, on its progress in complying with the provisions of any agreement formed pursuant to this Ordinance. In the event the City has failed to create such regulations, forms, or guidance prior to the date on which a Monthly Report or Annual Report is due, the Property Owner is not required to provide any such report.

### Section 6.2 Reporting Requirements.

The reporting format shall be determined and provided by the City Council of Providence in its sole discretion to document construction-based employment information and demographics related to the terms of this ordinance. If the Property Owner, its developer and/or other person/entity authorized by the Property Owner, does not timely submit their monthly reports to the City Council, or its designee, the City Council or its designee shall notify the Property Owner. The Property Owner shall have ten (10) days thereafter to provide the information to the City or its designee.

The project site owner, the director of planning and development, the director of first source, and a representative of the third-party entity monitoring apprenticeship requirements shall annually report to the city council on progress in complying with the provisions of the Ordinance, including but not limited to, Ordinance sections 4 and 6.

Specifically, its report shall include a performance report on construction or rehabilitation with evidence of final construction costs, status of stabilized tax payments, and evidence of compliance with Section 6 above. Upon receipt and review, the City Council may require and request additional information.

In the event the City has failed to create such regulations, forms, or guidance prior to the date on which a Monthly Report or Annual Report is due, the Property Owner is not required to provide any such report.

### Section 6.3. Safe-Harbor Reports.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Agreement, the Property Owner’s reporting obligations are necessarily contingent on the City’s creation of regulations, forms, or other guidance setting forth the scope and precise contents of the Monthly and Annual Reports.



In the event the City has failed to create such regulations, forms, or guidance prior to the date on which a Monthly Report or Annual Report is due, the Property Owner is not required to provide any such report and/or the Property may, in its sole discretion, may mail a letter to the City Council, signed by a duly authorized agent of the Property Owner and under penalty of perjury, setting forth such statistical and demographic information collected pursuant to this Agreement for the period between the last Monthly Report or Annual Report (a "Safe-Harbor Report") and the present. Submission of such a Safe-Harbor Report shall be deemed to be a voluntary fulfillment of the otherwise unrequired Property Owner obligations under Sections 6.1 and 6.2.

## SECTION 7. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS.

### Section 7.1. Severability.

The sections of this Agreement are severable, and if any of its sections or subsections shall be held unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections or subsections.

### Section 7.2. Applicable Law.

This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, the City of Providence Home Rule Charter, and the City of Providence Code of Ordinances, as amended.

### Section 7.3. Modifications Amendments and/or Extensions.

This Agreement shall not be modified, amended, extended or altered in any way by oral representations made before or after the execution of this Agreement. Any and all modifications, amendments, extensions or alterations must be in writing duly executed by all parties.

### Section 7.4. Entire Agreement.

This Agreement and all attachments, addenda, and/or exhibits attached hereto shall represent the entire agreement between City and the Property Owner and may not be amended or modified except as expressed in this document.

### Section 7.5. Completed application and procedure.

By entering into this agreement, the City and the Property Owner do hereby agree and affirmatively find that the Ordinance, including but not limited to Section 5, has been completely complied with and any error or omission related thereto is incidental and/or immaterial and shall have no effect on the enforcement of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Property Owner and the City have executed this Agreement.

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By: _____, Its _____ By: _____ Authorized Signature Print Name: _____ _____ Title: _____ _____ Address: _____ _____ _____ Date: _____ _____	By: _____ _____ Authorized Signature Print Name: _____ _____ Title: <u>Mayor of Providence</u> _____ Address: <u>City Hall</u> <u>25 Dorrance Street</u> <u>Providence, RI 02903</u> _____ Date: _____ _____ Approved as to form and correctness: _____ <u>Jeffrey Dana, City Solicitor</u>

**COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, PETERSON,  
COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN  
GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILOR ROIAS,  
COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS AND COUNCILMAN  
ESPINAL**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 "Buildings and Structural Appurtenances" of the Code of Ordinances to add Article X "Energy Efficiency and Carbon Neutral Goals for Municipal Buildings".

Chapter 5 "Building and Structural Appurtenances" is hereby amended to add Article X "Energy Efficiency and Carbon Neutral Goals for Municipal Buildings" as follows:

**Article X - Energy Efficiency and Carbon Neutral Goals for Municipal Buildings**

**Sec. 5-126. Purpose and intent.**

The purpose and intent of this article is to ensure that the City of Providence is leading by example and ensuring that municipal buildings are carbon neutral by 2040. Specifically, this article is intended to create guidelines to ensure all municipal buildings are no longer fueled by fossil fuel or onsite combustion and are carbon neutral. This article intends to encourage electrification coupled with energy efficiency upgrades including, but not limited to, electric heating and cooling systems, electric hot water heating, 100% renewable energy consumption, maximum on-site renewable energy production, thermal energy networks, and biofuel or battery electric emergency backup facilities, in all municipal buildings, including schools. As well as to:

- (1) Align the city of Providence's municipal capital improvements and maintenance projects with existing state requirements outlined in R.I.G.L 42-6.2-9 (The Act on Climate; Statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate), and R.I.G.L 39-26 (Renewable Energy Standard).
- (2) Provide a path forward to meeting the goals set forth in the Providence Climate Justice Plan of 2019; and
- (3) Provide a guide to prioritizing municipal buildings for energy efficiency, electrification, and carbon reduction improvements.
- (4) Expand equitable access to clean energy careers with family-sustaining wages and benefits as part of the city of Providence plan to decarbonize its building stock.

## **Sec. 5-127. Definitions.**

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a differing meaning:

*Analysis of feasibility* means a report created by a qualified professional that estimates the costs, savings, cost-effectiveness, and greenhouse gas reductions for an on-site renewable energy system, electric heating and cooling system, thermal energy network, or energy-efficiency measure, and shall include a financial plan with sources and uses of funding, including but not limited to, federal, state, and utility incentives.

*Carbon Neutral Building* means a building where the design, construction, and operations do not contribute to emissions of greenhouse gases that cause climate change.

*Capital improvements* shall mean improvements to the physical infrastructure of a building including building systems such as HVAC and major equipment.

*Cost-effective* means measures that are projected to generate energy cost savings and avoided social cost of carbon dioxide equal to or greater than overnight capital costs and operations and maintenance costs over the lesser of

- (i) Useful life of the equipment, or
- (ii) 20 years

*Covered Project* means a construction, capital improvement, renovation or maintenance project on buildings owned by the City of Providence, including buildings owned by the City and managed by other entities, as well as any capital improvements and maintenance of mechanical systems in each building, especially when those systems are upgraded, including but not limited to:

- (i) The building envelope
- (ii) Lighting and controls
- (iii) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems
- (iv) Building management systems

*Energy* shall mean electricity, natural gas, steam, hot or chilled water, heating oil, or other product for use in a building, or renewable electricity generation, for purposes of providing heating, cooling, lighting, water heating, or for powering or fueling other end-uses in the building and related facilities.

*Greenhouse gas* means climate pollution released by burning fossil fuels that alter the atmosphere, including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride.

*Maintenance* means amounts spent for repairs or replacements for the purpose of keeping a municipal building open and safe for use, including repairs, maintenance, and replacements to a municipal building's heating, lighting, ventilation, security, building management system, and other fixtures to keep the facility or fixtures in effective working condition. Maintenance shall not include contracted or direct custodial or janitorial services, expenditures for the cleaning of a municipal building or its fixtures, the care and upkeep of grounds, recreational facilities, or parking lots, or the cleaning of or repairs and replacements to movable furnishings or equipment.

*Measurement and Verification (M&V)* is the process of planning, measuring, collecting, and analyzing data for the purpose of verifying and reporting energy and carbon savings within an individual facility resulting from capital improvements specific to and in alignment with this ordinance.

*Renewable energy* shall mean renewable energy resources as described in R.I.G.L 39-26 (Renewable Energy Standard).

*Thermal energy* means piped non-combustible fluids used for transferring heat into and out of buildings for the purpose of eliminating any resultant on-site greenhouse gas emissions of all types of heating and cooling processes, including, but not limited to, comfort heating and cooling, domestic hot water, and refrigeration.

Thermal energy network means all real estate, fixtures and personal property operated, owned, used or to be used for or in connection with or to facilitate a utility-scale distribution infrastructure project that supplies thermal energy.

#### **Sec. 5-128. Scope and applicability.**

This article is applicable to all buildings owned by the City of Providence, including buildings owned by the City and managed by other entities. This article is applicable to all capital improvements and maintenance of mechanical systems in every municipal building, especially when those systems are upgraded, including but not limited to:

- (i) The building envelope
- (ii) Lighting and controls
- (iii) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems
- (iv) Building management systems

## **Sec. 5. 129. Priorities and Timeline.**

All municipal buildings are to be carbon neutral buildings by 2040. School facilities shall meet the latest definition of Zero Energy Capable as defined by the Northeast Collaborative for High Performance schools (NE-CHPS) by 2040. The priorities for reaching carbon neutrality for each building include, but are not limited to the following:

- (i) Completing a comprehensive accounting and analysis of all energy uses in all municipal buildings.
- (ii) Identification and analysis of energy efficiency measures and energy saving opportunities, as well as applicable local, state, federal, and other sources of capital to defray costs of these measures. Investing in all cost-effective energy efficiency and energy savings opportunities.
- (iii) Analysis of the feasibility of using thermal energy and thermal energy networks at the facility, including any anticipated limitations on the use of thermal energy networks, along with a characterization of any such limitations, including whether they are permanent, temporary, or resolvable in a cost-effective basis.
- (iv) Determination of the feasibility and advisability of gathering, combining, or expanding any clean energy sources or central thermal energy networks with neighboring or nearby related municipal facilities.
- (v) An analysis of the feasibility of installing electrically powered space and water heating and cooling systems, and associated structural and electrical upgrades, with a goal of all electric buildings.
  - a. Where and when electrically powered space and water heating and cooling systems are determined to be cost-effective, the City will prioritize these recommended systems and place the system in service, except in cases where thermal energy and thermal energy networks are installed as suitable cost-effective alternatives.
- (vi) Preference for the installation of on-site renewable energy generation where feasible based on location and building characteristics (orientation, sunshade, etc.), as well as battery storage systems.
- (vii) Require all public buildings to have an energy use intensity (EUI) assessment within a year of passage in order to prioritize the need for an investment grade energy audit.
- (viii) Schedule investment grade energy audits based on the above prioritization for buildings with the worse EUI ratings, or with the most favorable renewable energy potential within three years of passage (unless one has been performed in the prior two years), to assess energy savings opportunities, electrification potential, and renewal and battery energy storage system capabilities, and updated based on funding potential and required levels of performance. Buildings scheduled to receive capital improvements based on the City's CIP or other schedules must undergo an investment grade energy audit prior to the issuing of formal construction documents.

- (ix) Within a year of the investment grade audit, the city will assess the audit findings and create a priorities plan for capital improvements to advance the decarbonization goals of the city/described in this article.
- (x) All school buildings must be not powered by metered and delivered fossil fuel by 2040 for all primary building systems. Starting immediately, no new connections to the fossil fuel system from a municipal building will be permitted, provided that the replacement thermal system for heating, cooling, hot water, and appliances in the building provides the same or greater safety, reliability, and cost-effectiveness as defined in Sec. 5-127.
- (xi) All other municipal buildings must have completed the relevant evaluations as described above and invest in all cost-effective energy efficiency and clean energy systems to move toward full electrification as soon as it is cost-effective, leveraging all available local, state, federal, and other available funding. All other municipal buildings must be powered by 100% carbon pollution-free electricity by 2033, at least half of which will be locally supplied clean energy, as required in the Climate Justice Plan.

#### **Sec. 5-129. Annual Reporting Guidelines.**

The Departments of Public Property, Sustainability, and/or Providence Public School Department shall submit an annual report on progress towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2040 to the City Council and the Mayor. The annual report shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- i) Energy and carbon neutral benchmarks.
- ii) Overall energy use and carbon emissions trends.
- iii) A plan for the upcoming year in action steps to reduce energy use and carbon emissions in municipal buildings.
- iv) Operation goals.
- v) A maintenance plan for upgraded buildings.
- vi) Any associated annual budgetary needs for meeting the goals set forth in this article.
- vii) Jobs created or sustained by these projects.

#### **Sec. 5-130. Labor Standards.**

The City shall support equitable access to family-sustaining jobs with good wages and benefits by:

- (i) For all projects subject to the provisions of this ordinance, the city will comply with the requirements of property owners in Article XVIII Section 21-306(h) Providence Tax Stabilization Investment Act.
- (ii) Conducting an independent, objective, reasoned study, using reviewable criteria, to determine whether adoption of a project labor agreement on the proposed project or projects will help achieve the goals of the state purchases act, for all covered projects over twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000).

### **Sec. 5-140. Severability.**

If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

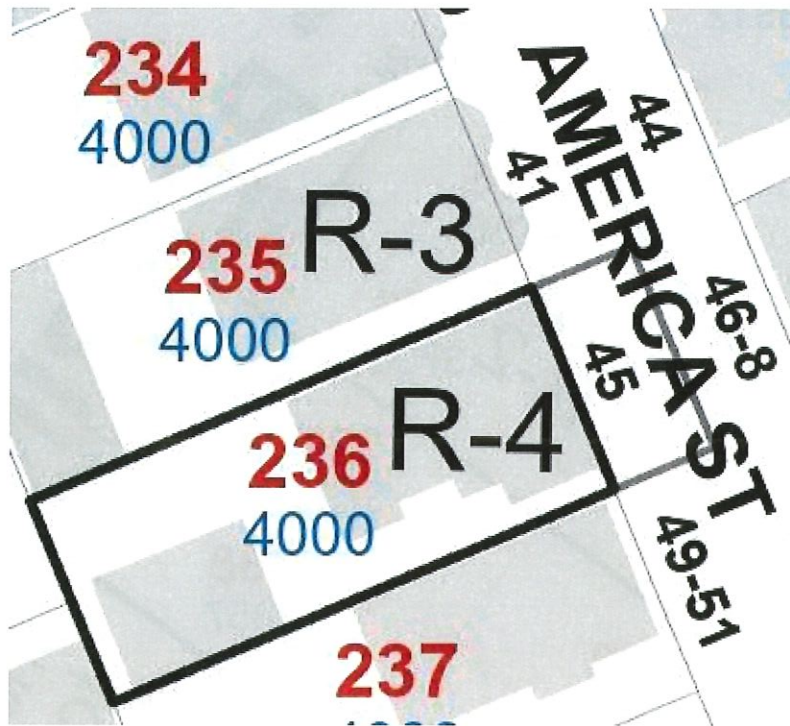
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### **COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, requesting to Amend the Zoning Designation for the property located on Assessor's Plat 28, Lot 236 (45-47 America Street), as R-4 Residential District. Said lot is not subject to Table 4-1 of the Zoning Ordinance. The lot is subject to the condition that there be no more than fourteen (14) efficiency dwelling units with a minimum square footage of 340 square feet per dwelling unit.

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, requesting to Amend the Zoning Designation for the property located on Assessor's Plat 28, Lot 236 (45-47 America Street), as R-4 Residential District. Said lot is not subject to Table 4-1 of the Zoning Ordinance. The lot is subject to the condition that there be no more than fourteen (14) efficiency dwelling units with a minimum square footage of 340 square feet per dwelling unit.



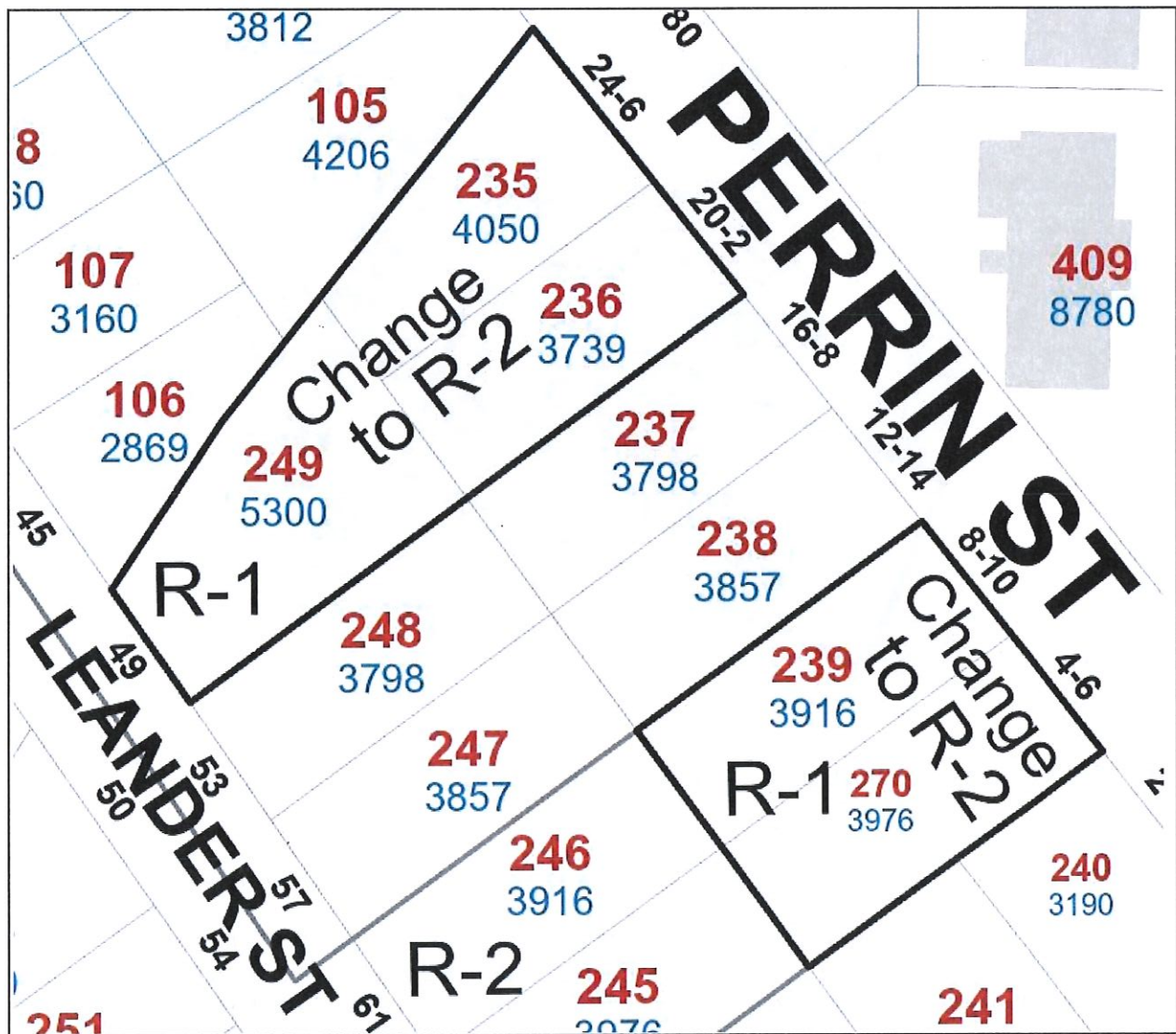


SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 34, Lots 249, 235, 236, 239 and 270 (49 Leander Street and 4, 8, 20 and 24 Perrin Street), from R-1 to R-2.

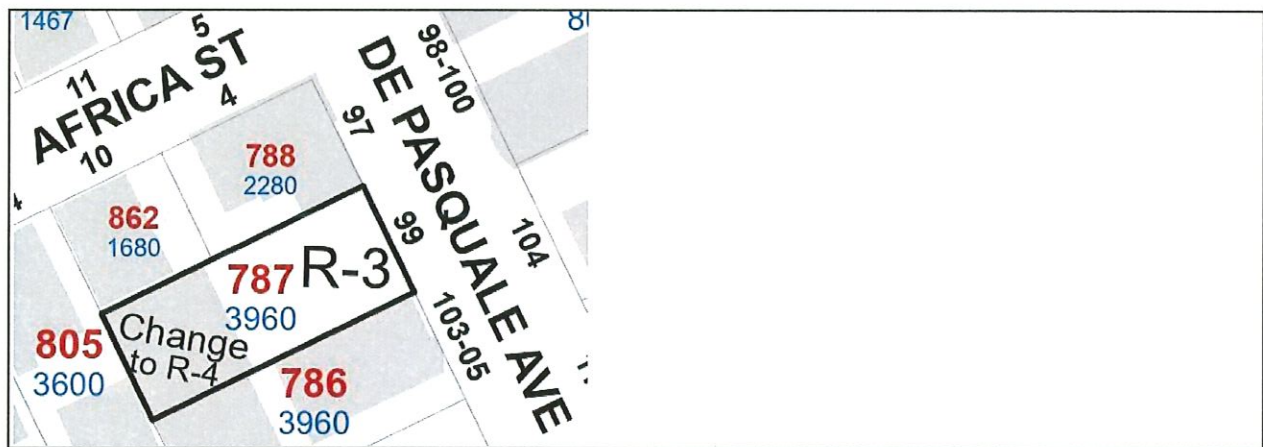
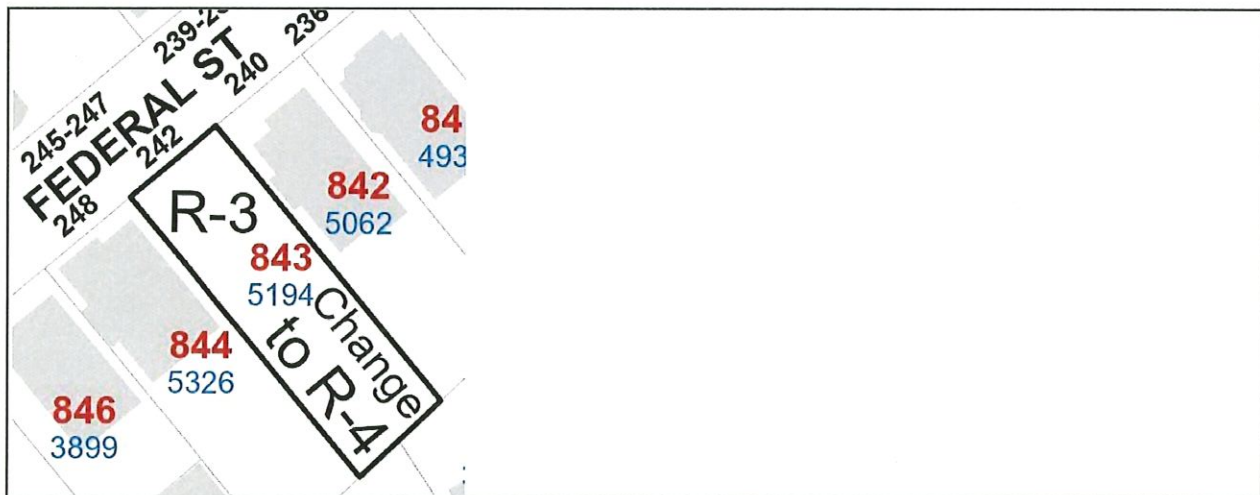
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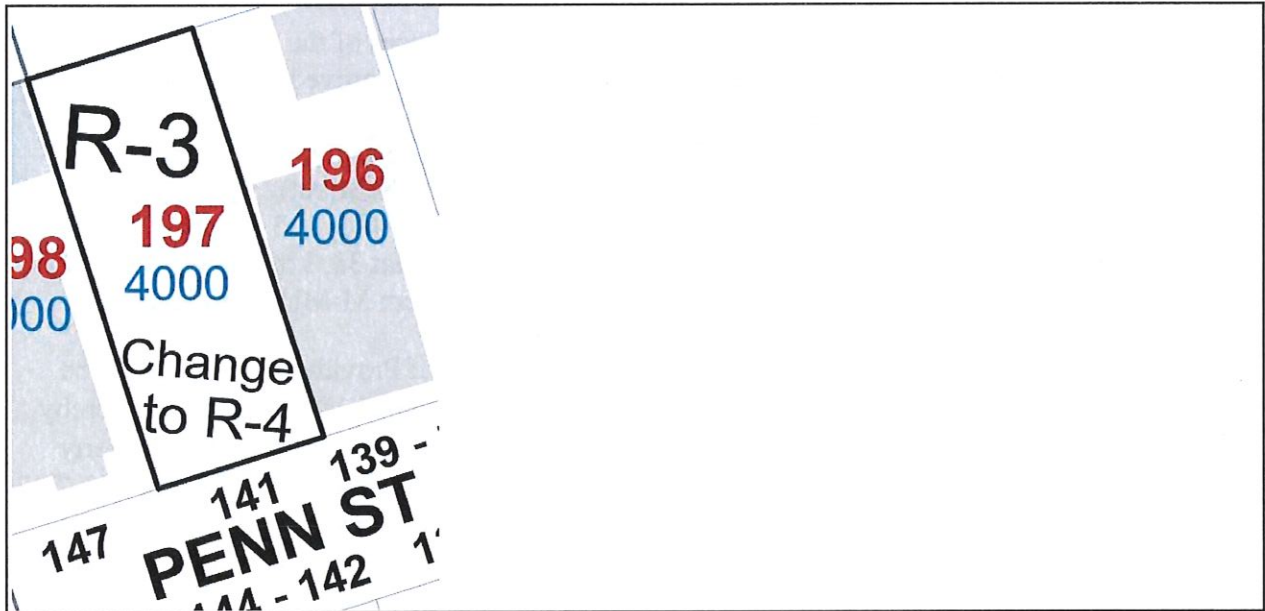
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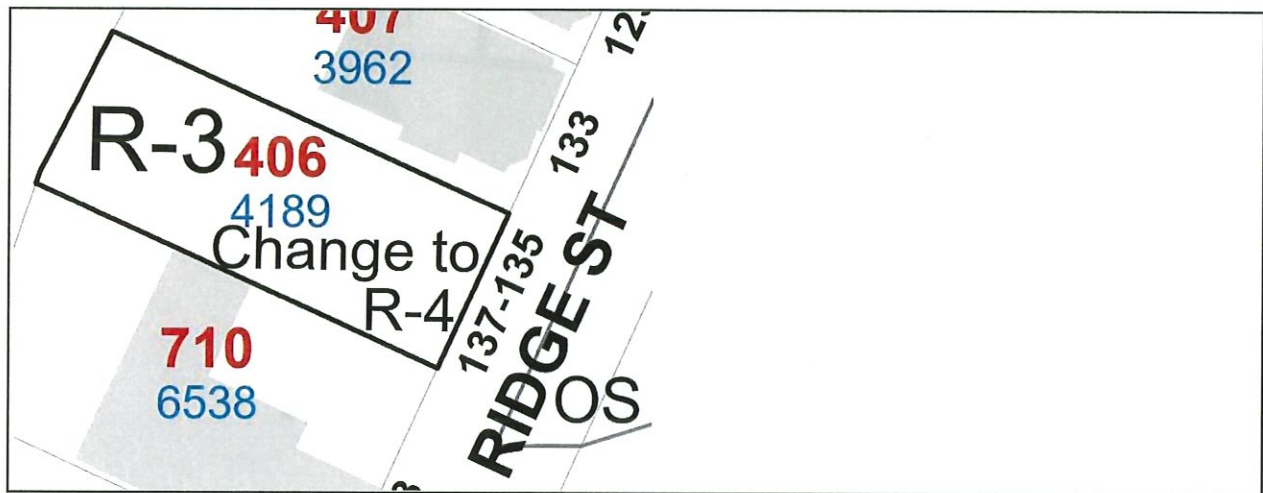
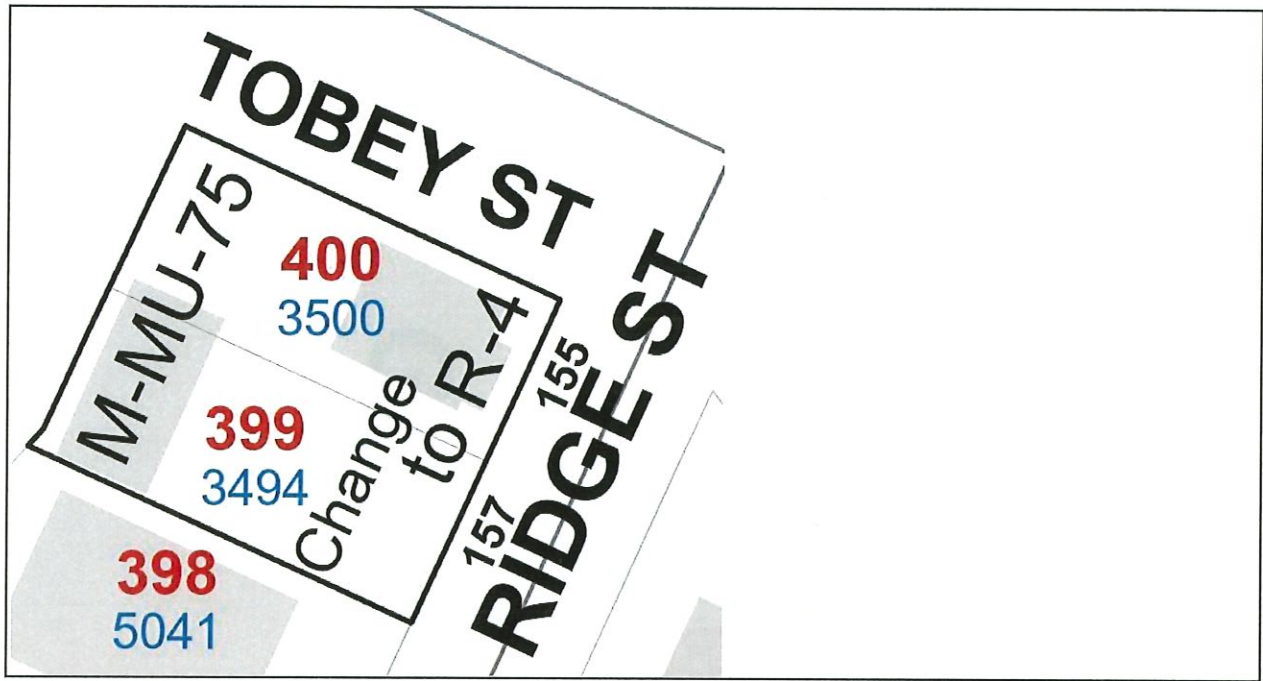
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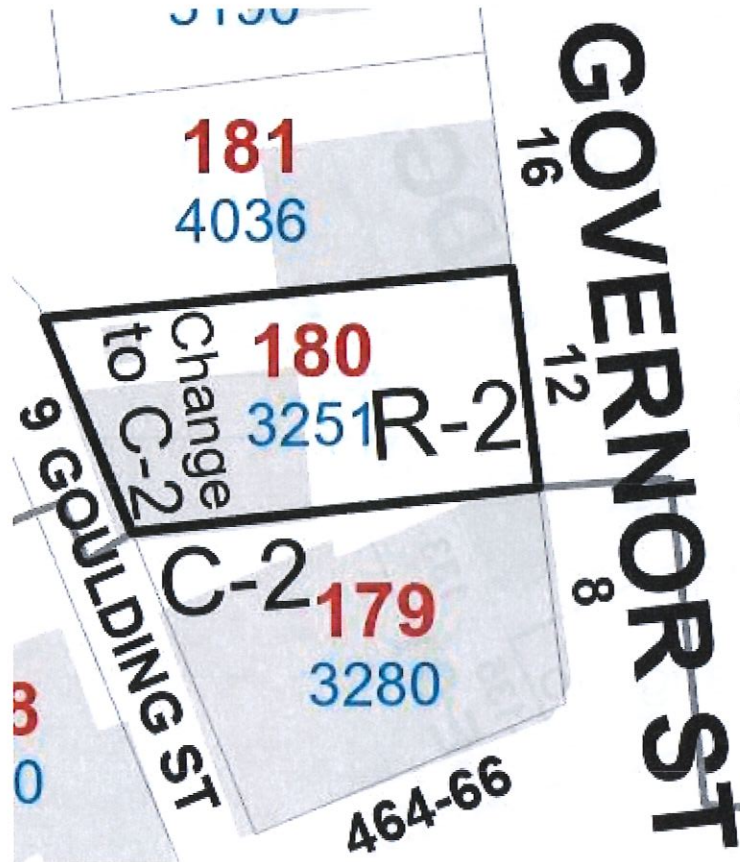






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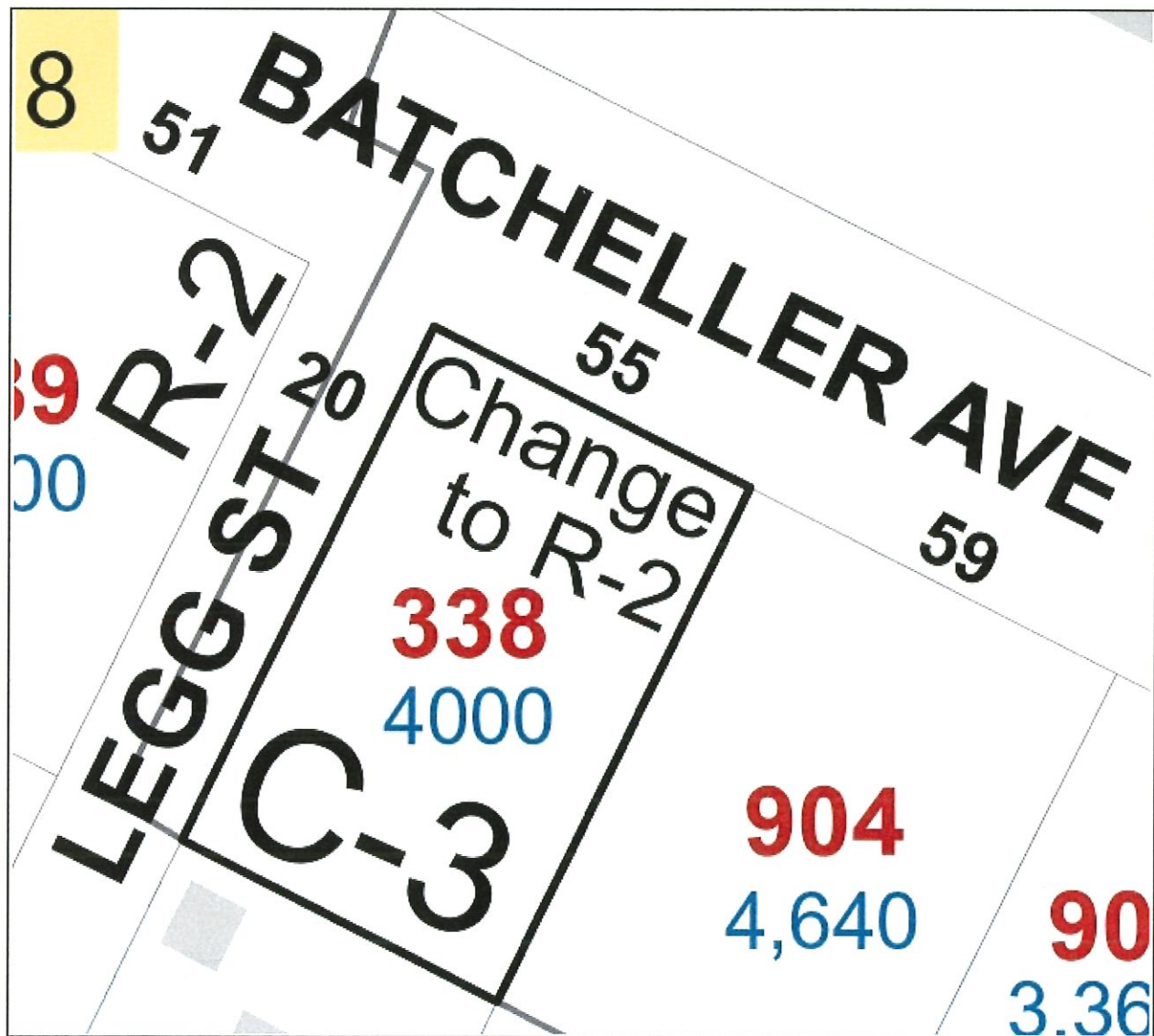
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*March 7, 2024*

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 77, Lot 338 (53 Batcheller Avenue), from C-3 to R-2.

SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 77, Lot 338 (53 Batcheller Avenue), from C-3 to R-2.



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.



**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 10 through 16 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez and Councilwoman Vargas – 12.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 3.

**The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.**

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## **PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES**

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILWOMEN VARGAS, ANTHONY, GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, as amended, to add provisions to Section 1911 Certificate of Appropriateness.

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**COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, "Housing", of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Article IX "Multi-Unit Dwellings".

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**COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,  
COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ANDERBOIS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, "Health and Sanitation", Article III, "Garbage, Trash and Refuse", Section 12-61.1 "Use of Dumpsters" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

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**COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR  
ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, VARGAS AND  
COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance", Approved November 24, 2014, as amended, by amending the Official Zoning Map by Changing the Zoning District Designation of Certain Lots from R-1 to R-2.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 17 through 20,  
Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 17 through 20 to the Committee on  
Ordinances.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Ordinances

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES AND VARGAS

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking" Signs on the northern side of Massachusetts Avenue, from Broad Street to Michigan Avenue, and the southern side of Gallup Street from Broad Street to Rugby Street.

**RESOLVED**, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking" Signs on the northern side of Massachusetts Avenue, from Broad Street to Michigan Avenue, and the southern side of Gallup Street from Broad Street to Rugby Street.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 21 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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### COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 H-7057, An Act Relating to Public Property and Works - Contractors Bonds.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 22, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 22 to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Urging Congressional Support for extension of the Affordable Connectivity Program.

**WHEREAS**, The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), established under President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, stands as the largest internet affordability program in our nation's history, currently benefiting 23 million households - encompassing 1 in 6 households across America; and

**WHEREAS**, In the 21st century, access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet is imperative for education, healthcare, employment, and maintaining social connections; and

**WHEREAS**, Significant portions of our population, including underserved communities, rural areas, veterans, and older Americans, continue to face barriers in accessing high-speed internet due to infrastructure limitations and prohibitive costs, exacerbating economic, health, and social disparities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Biden-Harris Administration has collaborated with internet service providers to offer fully covered high-speed internet plans through the Affordable Connectivity Program, thereby enabling most eligible households to access high-speed internet at no cost; and

**WHEREAS**, Failure to extend funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program by Congress would jeopardize the ability of millions of Americans to afford high-speed internet, undermining crucial aspects of daily life and hindering socio-economic advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, A significant portion of ACP beneficiaries consists of military families, seniors, African American, Latino, and Native American households, with enhanced subsidies provided for households on Tribal lands where high-speed internet costs are typically higher; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island has seen substantial benefits from the Affordable Connectivity Program, with over 83,307 households in every Congressional District benefiting from the program, resulting in monthly savings of approximately \$2.2 million for Rhode Island families; and

**WHEREAS**, The Biden-Harris Administration has submitted a supplemental request for \$6 billion to Congress on October 25, 2023, aimed at extending funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council strongly urges the U.S. Congress to approve the supplemental funding request of \$6 billion to extend the Affordable Connectivity Program, ensuring continued access to affordable high-speed internet for millions of Americans and furthering equitable socio-economic progress nationwide; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council commends the Biden-Harris Administration for its efforts in addressing the digital divide through the Affordable Connectivity Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Offices of Mayor Brett Smiley, U.S. Representative Seth Magaziner, U.S. Representative Gabe Amo, U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, and U.S. Senator Jack Reed.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 23 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Advocating for Transparency in School Closures, Assessing Charter School Impact, and Urging a Fiscal Impact Study.

**WHEREAS**, The Providence Public Schools District (PPSD), under the oversight of the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), has recently announced the closure of several schools due to concerns over the conditions of the buildings and declining enrollment; and

**WHEREAS**, The decisions to close schools were made without sufficient public notice, community involvement, clear methodology, or metrics, potentially leaving affected communities feeling unheard, marginalized, and lacking transparency and accountability in the process; and

**WHEREAS**, There is growing apprehension regarding the transfer of vacant school buildings to larger charter school entities, raising questions about the potential consequences for local education dynamics and community cohesion; and

**WHEREAS**, The rise in charter school presence in Providence has led to shifts in enrollment patterns and funding allocations, prompting a need for careful examination of its impact on the broader educational landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence Public School Department is facing annual losses nearing \$30 million to charter school tuition, there is an urgent need to assess the implications of charter school expansion on educational resources and equity within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, It is essential to approach these issues with a balanced perspective, recognizing the value of diverse educational options while ensuring equitable access and resource distribution across all educational institutions.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,***

1. The Providence City Council insists that RIDE and PPSD make transparency and community involvement top priorities in future decisions concerning school closures. It is imperative to gather input from all relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to students, parents, teachers, and every member of the school board.
2. The Providence City Council expresses a desire for a thoughtful consideration of the implications of transferring vacant school buildings to charter schools, emphasizing the need to uphold the integrity of the local educational ecosystem and promote inclusive educational practices.
3. The Providence City Council acknowledges the complexities surrounding the role of charter schools in the Providence educational landscape and calls for a comprehensive fiscal impact study of their impact on enrollment trends and funding dynamics within the public school system. The Providence Council specifically requests that Deputy Superintendent of Operations of the Providence Public School District be tasked with conducting this study by June 1, 2024.
4. The Providence City Council affirms its commitment to fostering collaboration and dialogue among all educational stakeholders to ensure the equitable distribution of resources and opportunities for all students in Providence.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 24, substitute and Pass on a Voice Vote, As Amended and Read into the Record, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**The Motion for Passage, As Amended is Sustained.**

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN  
ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 H-7495 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2277, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - 2025 Battery-Powered Leaf Blower Pilot Rebate and Education Program.

**WHEREAS**, If enacted, H-7495 and S-2277 would establish a 2025 battery-powered leaf blower PILOT rebate and education program; and

**WHEREAS**, H-7495 and S-2277 aims to reduce air and noise pollution from gas-powered leaf blowers and other landscaping equipment by helping landscape professionals adopt zero-emission technology; and

**WHEREAS**, H-7495 and S-2277 would allocate \$300,000 to establish a pilot leaf blower rebate program managed by OER with this program, landscape professionals registered for business in Rhode Island could receive a rebate of up to \$1,500 toward the purchase of a battery-powered leaf blower and two extra batteries, by turning in a gas-powered leaf blower; and

**WHEREAS**, H-7495 and S-2277 would also allocate \$50,000 for OER and DEM to develop education and training for landscape professionals to learn best practices and safe operation with zero-emission landscaping equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebate programs such as this incentivize private citizens to adopt consumption habits conducive with statewide goals for overall reductions in noise and air pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, Including and educational and training component in this program will be essential for its success and positive reception by the various industries impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, The long term effects of this program will increase the quality of life for communities across the City of Providence and the State at large.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council endorses H-7495 and S-2277 and urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to vote in favor of their passage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this resolution be transmitted to members of the Rhode Island State House of Representatives and Rhode Island State Senate and the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 25 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON AND  
COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Authorizing the conveyance of the Parcel located on Assessor's Plat 36, Lot 91 (173 Ford Street) to PRA for the purpose of redevelopment thereof and for economic development and increased tax revenue.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 26, Seconded by  
COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN abstains from voting on item 26.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 26 to the Committee on City Property.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on City Property

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**COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ROIAS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN  
GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Endorsing ABC6 WLNE Unionization Efforts.

**WHEREAS**, The employees of Providence news station ABC6 WLNE have come together to seek unionization due to concerns over low pay, inadequate resources, and lack of respect from management; and

**WHEREAS**, The staff members of ABC6 WLNE, including reporters, creative services, photographers, editors, meteorologists, the web team, producers, and technical media operators, have demonstrated their commitment to improving their working conditions and advocating for fair treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians (NABET) represents an opportunity for ABC6 WLNE employees to have a collective voice in negotiating fair wages, benefits, and working conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence City Council recognizes the importance of supporting the efforts of ABC6 WLNE employees to unionize and improve their workplace environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. The Providence City Council hereby endorses the unionization efforts of ABC6 WLNE employees and expresses its support for their pursuit of fair treatment, equitable compensation, and improved working conditions.
2. The Providence City Council commends the dedication and bravery of ABC6 WLNE employees in standing up for their rights and advocating for positive change within their workplace.

3. The Providence City Council urges ABC6 WLNE management to engage in good-faith negotiations with the employees and voluntarily recognize their chosen union, NABET, as the collective bargaining representative for all eligible staff members.
4. The Providence City Council encourages other community stakeholders, residents, and elected officials to stand in solidarity with ABC6 WLNE employees and support their efforts to achieve a more just and equitable workplace.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley, to the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians, and to the management office of Channel ABC6 WLNE Rhode Island.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 27 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Authorizing the conveyance of the Parcel located on Assessor's Plat 36, Lot 91 (173 Ford Street) to PRA for the purpose of redevelopment thereof and for economic development and increased tax revenue.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 28, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 28 to the Committee on City Property.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on City Property



## **REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)**

### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:**

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):**

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-192(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Sugar Rodriguez).

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 29 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Received and Approved, As Amended:**

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Cheryl Galloway** of 47 Rutherglen Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Galloway replaces Ms. Ciampi who has resigned).

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Received and Approved:**

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Regina Clement** of 82 Arbor Drive, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Maria Monteiro** of 218 Home Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Cristopher Llopiz Osorio** of 127 DePasquale Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Osorio replaces Mr. Gonzalez Trejo who has resigned).

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Celeste Terry Lo** of 20 Lubec Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Ana Barraza** of 72 Anthony Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Barraza replaces Mr. Lajuan Allen who has resigned).

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 30 through 35 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS  
COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES, Chairman**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally  
Approved:**

**COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY,  
COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,  
COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILMEN  
VARGAS AND ESPINAL**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023  
H-5160, An Act Relating to Financial Institutions - Licensed Activities - Lenders and  
Loan Brokers - Check Cashing.

***WHEREAS***, Payday loans have a long history of negatively impacting the people of  
Providence; and

***WHEREAS***, These lenders are concentrated in poorer communities and primarily aimed  
at people of color; and

***WHEREAS***, Surrounding states offer reasonable Annual Percentage Rates (APR)  
ranging between 12 and 36%, Rhode Island remains the only state in New England that allows  
payday lenders to take advantage of the underprivileged by allowing them to charge up to 261%  
APR; and

***WHEREAS***, Rhode Island consumers face fees of \$7.6 million each year due to payday  
lending, which accounts for 93% of all payday lending fees in New England according to the  
Center for Responsible Lending; and

***WHEREAS***, This industry ruthlessly takes advantage of people who have no other option  
but to take out loans at an outrageously high-interest rate, that will later shove them into a never  
ending vicious debt cycle; and

***WHEREAS***, Advocates have been demanding for over 20 years that this predatory  
practice end and bills to regulate pay day lending have tried and failed in the General Assembly  
throughout that entire time; and

***WHEREAS***, The General Assembly can finally put an end to predatory payday lending  
practices by passing House Bill 5160; and

***WHEREAS***, The Council commends the bill's sponsors, Representatives Alzate, Cruz,  
Kazarian, Vella-Wilkinson, Messier, Speakman, Bennett, Kislak, Newberry, and Fogarty for  
their leadership in advancing this important legislation.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council hereby  
calls upon the Rhode Island General Assembly to pass H5160 and put an end to payday lending.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That upon passage copies of this resolution be  
transmitted to the Honorable Governor Dan McKee, the Senate President, the Speaker of the  
House, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the General Treasurer, Housing Secretary  
Pryor, the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and the Providence Delegation.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILORS ROIAS AND SANCHEZ**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 H-7402, An Act Relating to Education - State Aid.

**WHEREAS**, House Bill H-7402 would exempt schools or school districts subject to an intervention for failing 2 schools from the withholding of aid provisions for infractions related to nonpayment of tuition 3 owed by one community to another.

**WHEREAS**, This act would take effect upon passage and would apply retroactively to any and all orders 5 issued under § 16-5-30 on or after January 1, 2021, as well as to any and all pending orders or 6 proceedings under § 16-5-30 as of the passage of this act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby supports and urges passage of House Bill H-7402, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE AID

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House and the Providence Delegation.

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Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 - 7403, An Act Relating to Public Finance - State Funds.

**WHEREAS**, House Bill H-7403 would allocate, to the cities and towns of the state, a portion of state income taxes for new employees of not-for-profit healthcare institutions and private educational institutions in order to assist the cities and towns to absorb desirable and necessary growth in such institutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby supports and urges passage of House Bill H-7403, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House and the Providence Delegation.

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## COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR ROIAS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 H-7171 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2121, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations - Temporary Disability Insurance - General Provisions.

**WHEREAS**, Temporary Caregiver Insurance Program (TCI) is Rhode Island's paid family leave program; and

**WHEREAS**, As part of the RI Temporary Disability Program (TDI), TCI provides up to six weeks per year of partial wage replacement benefits to most Rhode Island workers and protects your job security; and

**WHEREAS**, There are times when caring for a family member has to be your most important priority - and that's why TCI exists. Rhode; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island's TCI paid leave program helps you afford to take time off from work so you can:

- care for a seriously ill child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, or grandparent
- bond with a newborn child, adopted child, or foster child.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council supports House Bill 7171 and Senate Bill 2121 and formally requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly pass them this session; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the Rhode Island State Senate, the members of the Rhode Island State House of Representatives, and the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,  
COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES,  
PETERSON, COUNCILORS ROIAS AND SANCHEZ**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024  
H-7337 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2046, An Act Relating to Education - Federal Aid.

**WHEREAS**, This act would require free breakfast and lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed act advocates for the allocation of a per-breakfast subsidy to school districts in Rhode Island for each breakfast served to students, thereby bolstering the nonprofit school food service account and facilitating the provision of nutritious breakfast meals to enhance student well-being and academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, It is universally acknowledged that every student's physical and cognitive development hinges upon access to nutritious meals, crucial for enhancing educational outcomes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council supports House Bill 7337 and Senate Bill 2046 and formally requests that the General Assembly pass them this session; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the Rhode Island State Senate, the members of the Rhode Island State House of Representatives, and the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY AND GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024  
H-7304 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2189, An Act Relating to Property - Residential Landlord  
Tenant Act.

**WHEREAS**, This bill is designed to address housing insecurity and the impact of rising housing costs in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, It cites findings from the 2023 Housing Fact Book by HousingWorksRI at Roger Williams University, noting significant increases in housing costs, including a 32% increase in median single-family home prices over five years and substantial year-over-year rental cost increases; and

**WHEREAS**, It is critical for our State government to acknowledge and respond to the challenges faced by Rhode Islanders, including those on fixed incomes, in affording housing and the exacerbation of homelessness due to these rising costs; and

**WHEREAS**, This bill reasonably aims to give tenants more time to adjust their budgets, or find new housing in response to rent increases.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council supports House Bill 7304 and Senate Bill 2189 and formally requests that the General Assembly pass these bills this session; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the Rhode Island State Senate, the members of the Rhode Island State House of Representatives, and the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,  
COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY AND GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024  
H-7356 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2152, An Act Relating to Health and Safety -  
Comprehensive PFAS Ban Act of 2024.

**WHEREAS**, PFAS are a class of human-made chemicals that are incredibly persistent in the environment and also highly toxic; and

**WHEREAS**, PFAS have been linked to cancers, reproductive harms, and other health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, PFAS are still used in many household items like some carpets, cookware, outdoor apparel, cosmetics, and baby gear and because they don't break down in the environment, they are now found in waterways, our bodies, and even breast milk; and

**WHEREAS**, Until Rhode Island passes a more comprehensive ban on toxic PFAS, these chemicals will continue to contaminate our waterways and our bodies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council supports House Bill 7356 and Senate Bill 2152 and formally requests that the General Assembly pass these bills this session; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the Rhode Island State Senate, the members of the Rhode Island State House of Representatives, and the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley.

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**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**  
**COUNCILMAN OSCAR O. VARGAS, Chairman**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:**

**COUNCILMAN VARGAS, FORMER COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI,  
COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, FORMER COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO,  
COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, FORMER  
COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, LAFORTUNE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER  
AND FORMER COUNCILMAN SALVATORE**

Resolution Requesting Public Parking on Fulton Street.

***WHEREAS,*** Several major city departments operate out of city hall including the Board of Canvassers, Board of Licenses, the Recorder of Deeds, the Tax Assessor, Vital Records; and

***WHEREAS,*** The services provided by these departments are crucial to residents and businesses of the City who always have complications to access the building because of the lack of public parking; and

***WHEREAS,*** Providing accessible parking to residents and visitors of city hall is crucial to effectively serve our constituents.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** That the Providence City Council hereby identifies the portion of Fulton Street alongside Providence City Hall as a free 30 minutes public parking spaces Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Department of Public Works, and the Traffic Engineer.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 36 through 43 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Anthony J. Bucci, Jr., Esquire, 155 South Main Street, Suite 405,  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting to abandon a portion of Ernest Street.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Public Works

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Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Nicholas Frayn	(Karns & Kerrison)
Gisele K. Delgado	Christine Beliveau
Maryann Michaud	Derek Titley
Jacqueline Sordini	Jose Villa
(Coia & Lepore LTD.)	Maria Baez
Maria Sazo	(Laplante Sowa Goldman)
(Bottaro Law Firm, LLC)	James Tweedie
Amanda Camilo	(Marasco & Nesselbush LLP)
(Fay Law Associates, Inc.)	Cheryl Grondin
Robert LeBlanc	Modupeola Akinrimisi
Kenneth Brown	Conchetta Paolino
Alicia Colon	(Bottaro Law Firm LLC)
Rafael Aguasviva-Herrera	Anthony Hubbard
(Fay Law Associates, Inc.)	Daire Corton
Cinthia K. Cruz	Mario Tavaras
Esther Major	Deborah Norman

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Colonel Oscar L. Perez, Chief of Police, dated February 12, 2024, Informing the City Clerk that pursuant to Resolution 2024-50, he is this day appointing **Michael Stephens**, Director of Community Engagement and Diversion for the Providence Police Department, to the **City of Providence's Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council**.

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Communication from Colonel Oscar L. Perez, Chief of Police, dated February 12, 2024, Informing the City Clerk that pursuant to Resolution 2024-50, he is this day appointing **Detective David Perez** for the Providence Police Department, to the **City of Providence's Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council**.

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Communication from Gina M. Costa, Internal Auditor, dated February 27, 2024, submitting the Internal Control Assessment for the Providence Municipal Court that has been completed by Clifton, Larson and Allen.

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Report from Derek M. Silva, Chief of the Providence Fire Department, submitting the 2023 Providence Fire Department Annual Report.

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Report from Susan DeRita, Chairwoman and Ferenc Karoly, Esquire, Executive Director, dated February 9, 2023, submitting Providence External Review Authority (PERA) 2023 Annual Report.

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Report from Major Henry Remolina, Providence Police Department, dated January 31, 2024, submitting the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Flock 30-Day Report from December 30, 2023 through January 30, 2024.

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**RESULT: RECEIVED**

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 44 through 52,  
Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT Refers item 44 to the Committee on Public Works, item 45 to the  
Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives item 46 through 52.**

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## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

RESOLVED, that the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere  
Congratulations to the following:

Estiatorio Fili, in recognition of the celebration of your Grand Opening, may your restaurant flourish, offering unique Greek culinary experiences that bring joy and community to all who dine with you. Here's to your success and the wonderful journey ahead.

Chief Judge Frank Caprio, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall of Fame Award.

Helen Baskerville-Dukes, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall of Fame Award.

Derek Earl Hazard Jr., in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall of Fame Award.

Angela McCalla-Councilor, Newport City Council, in recognition of being the guest speaker at the 2024 International Women's Day Event.

Denezia Fahie-Executive Director, Providence Student Union, in recognition of being the guest speaker at the 2024 International Women's Day Event.

Anita Bruno-Founder and Executive Director, RI Women in the Trades, in recognition being the recipient of the She-Ro Award at the 2024 International Women's Day Event.

Heidi Silverio-Program Director, Housing, Equity, and Lead Prevention, City of Central Falls, in recognition of being the guest speaker at the 2024 International Women's Day Event.

Fernando Mancebo, in recognition of being elected as President of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Edwin Sanchez, in recognition of being elected as Vice-President of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Marlene Castillo, in recognition of being elected as Treasurer of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Victor Peguero, in recognition of being elected as Secretary of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Julio Hernandez, in recognition of being elected as Governor Policy of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Santo Lara, in recognition of being elected as Sports Director of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Marisol Colon, in recognition of being elected as Correspondence of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Yrinio Berroa, in recognition of being elected as Arts & Culture Director of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Griselda Rodriguez, in recognition of being elected as Female Chapter Director of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Carlos Tejeda, in recognition of being elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Delegate to Board of Directors of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Rafael Gutierrez, in recognition of being elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate to Board of Directors of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Radhames Cuevas, President, in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Willy Vizcaino, Vice-President, in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Marlene Castillo, Treasurer, in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Dante Soto, Secretary, in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Alexis Valerio, Governor Policy, in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Santo Lara, Sports Director in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Marisol Colon, Correspondence, in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Joselyn Torres, Arts & Culture Director, in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Carlos Tejeda, 1<sup>st</sup> Delegate, in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Modesta Guzman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate, in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

Gladys Quiñonez, Female Chapter Director, in recognition of your service and commitment to the members and Community of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte, a Club Socio Cultural Y Deportivo Board of Directors.

The Honorable David Cicilline, President and CEO, Rhode Island Foundation, in recognition of being the Keynote Speaker at the Dominican Independence Day Celebration, thank you for your prior service as the United States Representative for Rhode Island's 1<sup>st</sup> District, and for your passion in addressing the needs of business owners, entrepreneurs, the elderly and non-profit organizations and your outstanding contributions to our State and the City of Providence as a whole.

Sixtia Devine, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Silver Bowl Leadership Excellence Award at the Dominican Independence Day Celebration, and for your selflessness, passion and leadership in empowering our youth, your civic involvement in our community, and your commitment to excellence in the area of communications and entrepreneurship.

Brauna Dodge, in recognition of being honored as a Guiding Light at the Congregation Beth Sholom Celebration Gala.

Lenette Azzi-Lessing, in recognition of being an Honoree at The Economic Progress Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "For the Love of Progress" celebration.

Kate Brewster, in recognition of being an Honoree at The Economic Progress Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "For the Love of Progress" celebration.

Rachel Flum, in recognition of being an Honoree at The Economic Progress Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "For the Love of Progress" celebration.

Linda Katz, in recognition of being an Honoree at The Economic Progress Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "For the Love of Progress" celebration.

Rhode Island College, in recognition of being an Honoree at The Economic Progress Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "For the Love of Progress" celebration.

Nancy Benoit, in recognition of being an Honoree at The Economic Progress Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "For the Love of Progress" celebration.

Heidi Collins, in recognition of being an Honoree at The Economic Progress Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "For the Love of Progress" celebration.

Teresa Paiva-Weed, in recognition of being an Honoree at The Economic Progress Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "For the Love of Progress" celebration.

Rhode Island Foundation, in recognition of being an Honoree at The Economic Progress Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "For the Love of Progress" celebration.

The Late Nancy Gerwitz, in recognition of posthumously being an Honoree at The Economic Progress Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary "For the Love of Progress" celebration.

Jovanna Garcia, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Outstanding Leadership Service.

Carlos Diaz, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Outstanding Dominican in Media.

Angela Gonzalez, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Outstanding contribution to the Dominican Arts.

The Family Cake-Wendy Jimenez and Juan Lantigua (Junior), in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Outstanding Dominican Business Leadership.

Tammy Vargas Warner, PhD, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Outstanding Dominican Leadership in Education.

Vismark Faustino Maria Gonzalez, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Outstanding Dominican Contribution in Sports.

Rosemil Ovalle Lora, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Outstanding Dominican Professional Science.

Angel Gautreaux, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Outstanding Dominican Youth Talent.

Albert Deschamps, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Outstanding Dominican Public Servant.

Chief of Police Colonel Oscar L. Perez, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Outstanding Services to the Dominican Community.

Margarita Adames, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 Dominican Heritage Independence Award Committee of Rhode Island for Posthumous Award Honorable Outstanding Award.

E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of E-Cubed Academy's many successes, moving from a 1-star school to a 2-star school, being 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State for decreasing chronic absenteeism by 37%, having the highest rate of Multilingual learner growth in the State, having the largest number of students in the State enrolled full time at CCRI as Seniors and being in the Top 5 in the State for PrepareRI Internships last summer. Congratulations.

Dr. Matt Juda, Principal, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and hard work on behalf of the students and faculty at E-Cubed Academy. You are an inspiration to all!

Margratte E. Stewart, in recognition of the celebration of your 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Anita Bruno-Founder and Executive Director, RI Women in the Trades, in recognition of being the recipient of the She-Ro Award at the 2024 International Women's Day Event.

Heidi Silverio-Program Director, Housing, Equity, and Lead Prevention, City of Central Falls, in recognition of being the guest speaker at the 2024 International Women's Day Event.

Denezia Fahie-Executive Director, Providence Student Union, in recognition of being the guest speaker at the 2024 International Women's Day Event.

Angela McCalla-Councilor, Newport City Council, in recognition of being the guest speaker at the 2024 International Women's Day Event.



Dale J. Venturini, Board Member, Rhode Island Convention Center Authority, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 26 years of dedicated service. Thank you for your commitment and hard work and have a wonderful retirement!

Carlos Haroldo Garcia, in recognition of the celebration of your 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 53 and Pass on Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN MEMORIAM"**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Sympathy to the families of the following:

Elizabeth Sue Camp

Patricia A. Howard

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 54 and Pass on a Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**MOTION TO SUSPEND RULE 16(B) OF THE RULES OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO TAKE A MATTER NOT  
APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Suspend Rule 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council in order to take a Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

**COUNCILORS ROIAS, ANDERBOIS AND COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY**

Resolution Celebrating School Social Worker Week and Urging Protection of School Social Worker Positions amid Fiscal Challenges.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>LAID ON TABLE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Taylor – 2.

## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**, Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Francisco Remigio and Chris Morris at 6:47 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**



TINA L. MASTROIANNI  
CITY CLERK

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YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fogGcm3-Mxg>*

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