

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 666

Approved November 21, 2001

WHEREAS, the City of Providence is the capital city of the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island are partners are many major issues facing the city and the state (i.e. education); and

WHEREAS, the City is the economic engine for the state, with the city's economy generating more than 600 million dollars per year in tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence with a population of 173,618 is double the size of the next largest city (85,808) in the state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence , as New England's second largest city, has experienced the second fastest growth (8%) as a city in New England; and

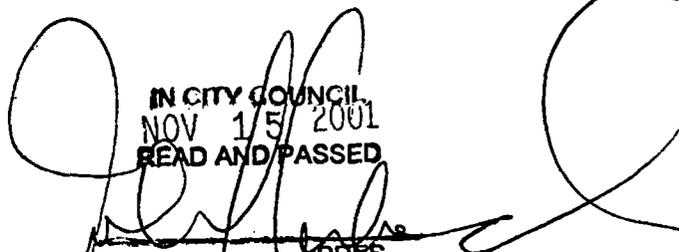
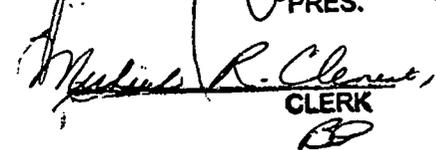
WHEREAS, this growth is double that of any other city in the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, a city with this much growth and a population this large faces unique urban issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence is rich in its diversity and home to vast numbers of individuals from many racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds; and

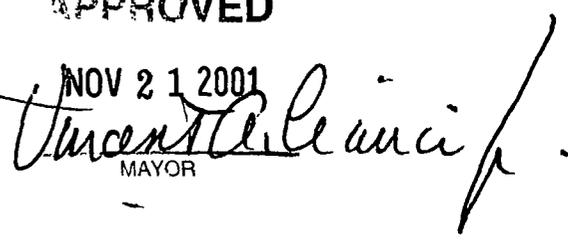
WHEREAS, the state legislature should reflect the broad spectrum of these diverse constituencies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor of the City of Providence and the City Council do hereby urge the Commission on Reapportionment and the General Assembly to adopt redistricting plans that ensures fair and equitable representation of every racial, ethnic and economic background.

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VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
MAYOR

November 15, 2001

The Honorable John Lombardi
City Council President
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance St.
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Council President Lombardi,

Please join me in urging the Commission on Reapportionment and the General Assembly to adopt redistricting plans that maintain equitable representation for the City of Providence in the General Assembly. Providence is the capital city of the State of Rhode Island. The city is the economic engine of the state generating more than 600 million dollars per year in tax revenue. The City of Providence is New England's second largest city, and its growth is double that of any other city in the state.

A city with this much growth faces unique urban issues. The city is rich in its diversity and is home to vast numbers of individuals from many racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds. It is imperative that the state legislature reflect the broad spectrum of these diverse constituencies.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to working with you on this issue of utmost importance.

Sincerely,



VINCENT A. CIANCI JR.
Mayor of Providence

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