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DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

March 24, 1971

To The Honorable The City Council
Of The City Of Providence

Gentlemen:

Your Committee submits the accompanying communication from Superintendent of Schools, Charles M. Bernardo, dated March 18, 1971, forwarding the accompanying opinion from Vincent J. Piccirilli, the School Committee's Legal Counsel, dated March 15, 1971, regarding the transportation question raised by Councilman Louis A. Mascia at the Committee on Finance's recent hearing on the fiscal implications of Phase Three of the Providence Plan for desegregation.

Respectfully submitted
for the Committee on Finance

IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 1 1971

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Robert F. Lynch
Councilman Robert F. Lynch,
Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
150 WASHINGTON STREET
PROVIDENCE, R. I. 02903

CHARLES M. BERNARDO
SUPERINTENDENT

March 18, 1971

Mr. Robert Lynch
Att. of City Clerk's Office
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Lynch:

I am respectfully submitting to you a copy of a letter from the School Committee's legal counsel, Mr. Vincent Piccirilli, regarding the transportation question raised by the Honorable Councilman Louis A. Mascia at your committee's recent hearing on the fiscal implications of Phase III of the Providence Plan for Desegregation as promised.

I would conclude that his comments in no way present an immediate impediment to the School Department's present intentions of subsidizing the bus fare for the reassigned pupils. I pledge to you, however, that the study alluded to by legal counsel will be conducted by direction of this office.

Your continued support is solicited as we pursue our goal of excellence in education within a multi-racial context.

Sincerely yours,



Charles M. Bernardo
Superintendent of Schools

CMB/an

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles Kilvert
Mr. Vincent Piccirilli
Mr. Charles Durant
Mr. Louis Kramer
Mr. Charles Wood

NUTINI, PALOMBO & PICCIRILLI

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

PETER PALOMBO, JR.
ALBERT A. NUTINI
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI

INDUSTRIAL BANK BUILDING
PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND
GAS PEE 1-2342

March 15, 1971

Charles M. Bernardo, Superintendent
Department of Public Schools
150 Washington Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Dr. Bernardo:

This letter is written in response to your inquiries of March 10, 1971.

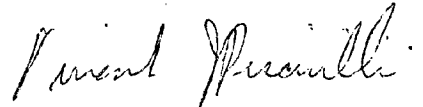
With reference to your question concerning transportation reimbursement for high school students, reference is made to §16-21-1 of the General Laws which provides in part "The School Committee. . . shall provide suitable transportation to and from school for pupils attending public schools of. . . high school grades who reside so far from any public schools as to make their regular attendance at school impracticable . . ." The Providence School Committee, by resolution, may determine the distance from a high school which warrants transportation, taking into account the age of students, walking time, traffic conditions encountered on the way, personal transportation, etc. The School Committee furnished no transportation for any high school students when all high schools had open enrollment. Since open enrollment is now restricted to Classical and Vocational, it seems clear that the statute would mandate transportation for high school students under the standards established by statute. It is my opinion that the School Committee should cause a study to be made of this problem so that all high school students are treated equitably.

Charles M. Bernardo, Superintendent
March 15, 1971
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With reference to the engaging of a professional lobbyist in Washington, I have no opinion on this matter. The only comment that I may make is that our Congressional delegation has been very helpful to us in the past.

As to the legal liability for malpractice of school department physicians, this liability exists for the physician even though he may be employed by the School Department. The School Department may also be liable, since municipal immunity has been abrogated by statute, see 1970 Public Laws Chapter 181.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vincent Piccirilli".

Vincent J. Piccirilli

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February 25, 1971

Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, and the
Members of the City Council
City Hall
Providence, R.I.

Dear Sirs:

For the period October 1, 1969 thru September 30, 1970,
the office of the Recorder of Deeds received for record 9,757
documents.

Miscellaneous, Writs, Attachments	2,806
Deeds	3,483
Mortgages	1,814
Discharge of Mortgages	717
Write Ins (Discharges)	937
TOTAL	<u>9,757</u>

The office of Minimum Housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development recorded 1,873 documents covering its stepped up work for the period. No fee has ever been charged for recording these documents. This also became twenty per cent (20%) of the work of this office.

The General receipts of this office for recording 7,884 documents was \$34,317.17.

The Expenses of the office were \$72,603.85.

The receipts for the State of Rhode Island Real Estate Conveyance Tax were as follows:

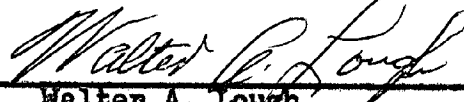
Gross Receipts	\$ 52,474.80
State of Rhode Island Share	47,704.38
City of Providence Recorder of Deeds Receipt Account	4,770.42
Total receipts for the period total	\$ 39,087.59
Our Net operating cost	\$ 33,516.26

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As of January 1, 1971, new fees for recording various documents were put into operation following the enactment by the State Legislature of the law instituting new fees. It is my belief that the net operating cost will be nil in the future.

Computerized method of indexing should be adopted for a more scientific approach to the operation of this office.

Respectfully submitted

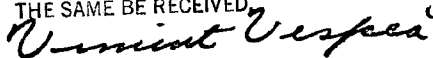


Walter A. Lough
Recorder of Deeds

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WATER SUPPLY BOARD
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 JOHN T. WALSH, LEGAL ADVISOR
 JOHN J. DEARY, SECRETARY

March 19, 1971

City Council
 City of Providence

Attention: Mr. Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the Water Supply Board of the City of Providence, at a meeting duly held on the 12th day of March, 1971, elected John A. Doherty as Chairman of the Board.

You are also hereby notified that the Board at the same meeting re-appointed John J. Deary as Secretary of said Board.

Respectfully submitted,
 Water Supply Board

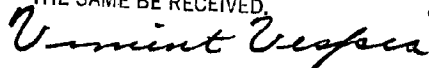
By 
 Secretary

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Minority Report #33 on Agenda
From William G. Bradshaw, R. Ward 2

Addressed to the Honorable City Council, Gentlemen,

In my remarks on Monday, March 8th, when we met with the School Committee and School Administrators, I said I hoped the Committee would see fit to modify the Durant Plan to take into account the objections of the parents and the students in the North End. No change was made so herewith I present my own modified plan.

Information required: Total number of 8th grade blacks (presently) in the City, and where they live.

Start with Mt. Pleasant.

The key is the number of blacks in the entering 9th grade.

First we must know the desired maximum enrollment at Mt. Pleasant. The Durant Plan (p.35) shows 1929; "state rated" (p.11) - 1700; and principal rated (same page) - 1800. I'll take Mr. Durant's figure - 1929. Now, how to split up the figure allowing for drop-outs, attrition, new students, and students moving away. I would count on the School Department's experience, over the years, here. I suppose we lose many students on their 16th birthday. I'll pick an arbitrary figure of 585.

Now the method of assigning students:

8% of 585 is 47. This is the minimum according to the Federal and State guidelines, and if the School Department estimates of drop-outs is correct, then the per cent should hold up until graduation. Next step, we find out which of the 47 blacks live nearest to Mt. Pleasant High School. Here are the mechanics:

Map #1 From Mt. Pleasant, draw a line to Hope High, and one to Central High. With Mt. Pleasant as a center, scribe an arc a random distance from the School between these two lines, and at the point where they meet these two lines, erect perpendiculars, one to the north, and one to the south-west, to the city limits. This line will resemble the bow of a bow and arrow. This becomes the "black" district line for Mt. Pleasant School. We move this line away from the school until we have picked up 47 blacks.

Subtract 47 from 585, we have 538.

Map #2 Now we move the same imaginary line and discover the 538 whites who live nearest to the school. This becomes the "white" district line for Mt. Pleasant. This establishes the entering 9th grade at Mt. Pleasant.

The School's enrollment, September, 1971:

gr. 12	571	(p. 35)
gr. 11	612	"
gr. 10	161	"
gr. 9	585	
	1929	

Now we move over to Hope.

As at Mt. P., determine the desirable total enrollment.

Mr. Durant's figure (p. 33) shows 1389; state rated - 1800; principal rated - 1400. Again, I'll take Mr. Durant's figure - 1389.

As before, the three upper classes remain :

gr. 12	323
gr. 11	300
gr. 10	269
gr. 9	497
	1389

and, for the entering 9th grade,

I'll pick an arbitrary figure of 497

28% is the maximum allowed according to the guidelines. 28% of 497 is 139.



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Now the mechanics:

Map #1 Draw a line from Hope to Central. At an arbitrary point along this line, construct an intersecting line (at right angles), and extend it to the Mt. Pl. "black" school district line to the north-west, and to the city limits to the south-east. Again, as in the case of Mt. Pleasant, we move away from Hope pushing the cross-bow away from us toward Central until we have picked up 139 blacks by residence. This completes our "black" school district lines.

139 from 497 is 358. Map #2. We use the same method to discover those 358 whites who live nearest to Hope as we push our straight line south-west. When we have reached this point, we have completed our "white" school district lines. The rest of the blacks and whites go to Central. And if the resulting figures do not fall within the 8% - 28% limits, then the Mt. Pl. and Hope school district lines can be adjusted to accomplish this. The Central school district becomes the balance. Thus we have a school district pattern for blacks and a school district pattern for whites simultaneously. They will closely resemble each other in design but will not coincide. These lines will change each summer as adjustments are made to improve the integration pattern. Basically, blacks are assigned according to their residence, and within school districts.

I have continued to say "Central". I think the time is fortuitous, now that we have a spanking new educational complex (the Hanley Center) to go to three city high schools: Mt. Pleasant, Hope, and Central. Each of the schools would provide a comprehensive, high quality, college preparatory curriculum. The Classical-Central complex becomes one large high school. The name is the problem, but, "what's in a name?" I went to Classical and to "Old Tech" (Technical High), and across the street from us was Commercial. Out of the last two came Central. And there is also "Hanley". Take your pick. I picked "Central" only because it is central. I would think that an educator would find the possibilities exciting with a curriculum offering the most modern facilities in vocational training, and ranging up to one of the finest college preparations in the East. Classical, in her recruitment program has shown a desire to share her outstanding scholastic opportunities with blacks.

Busing.

Another map must be drawn up - Map #3.

Draw three lines connecting the three high schools. At the mid-point of each line, erect a perpendicular and extend it to the city limits. Now we have the city divided into three "ideal" school districts which, of course, do not take into account the capacities of the schools, nor the Supreme Court edict to correct de facto segregation. Any student who is arbitrarily bussed outside his own school district in order to achieve the integration per cent, and providing it is a considerable distance away, the student should be transported to school and at Federal expense. I say Federal expense because it was the Federal Government who imposed this edict upon the local school systems. What would constitute "a considerable distance"? A mile and a quarter? A mile and a half? I don't know. This would involve bussing both blacks and whites. Consider the 47 blacks at Mt. Pleasant. Any who meet the above two criteria are bussed. Likewise with the whites. After the 585 figure has been determined, the next 47 students who live nearest to Mt. Pl., and who have been assigned to another school (these are the 47 whites who have been displaced by the 47 blacks) they also should be bussed if any of them meet the above two criteria.

Follow the same procedure with Hope and Central. The cost for bussing should be nominal. We are only obligated to those students who are moved about in order to comply with the Supreme Court's landmark decision. And the Federal Government, I repeat, should pay for it.



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This plan moves the fewest number of students the shortest possible distance, and is based on the rigid policy of assigning students to the school nearest to their homes, while complying with the integration limitations - no options, no permits, no transfers. One's home address determines one's school.

I have purposely avoided the "feeder" approach to the problem and the mention of any middle or junior high schools by name. This approach brought about all the furor in the first place.

Everyone is for quality education and for the best possible education we can afford for all our children, and if the Supreme Court has said that we must integrate our black children with our white children in order to achieve this, then we must comply with the law. After that, with all schools providing quality education, I don't see how anyone ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ can object to assigning students to the school nearest to their home.

I do not agree with those who think it is a mistake to separate middle school children from their classmates when they are being assigned to other schools. I remember very well that one of the most exciting things about starting high school as a Freshman was the wide variety of new people I would meet and who would soon become my new set of friends. Is it not the democratic way to make as many friends as possible? At any rate, the plan I propose would minimize the breaking up of friendships.

And another point - that the blacks are bearing the brunt of the bussing - I do not quite understand. The Supreme Court has directed us to transport blacks away from their de facto ghetto schools to predominantly white schools and to integrate them with the whites there in order to guarantee quality education for all. Mostly blacks are bussed, yes, but the blacks are the beneficiaries.

As we move into the K-4-4-4 plan this fall, we have an ideal opportunity to start fresh. As we establish grade 9 as the standard, we find many existing inequalities in grades 10, 11, and 12. But we can make temporary adjustments here, and live with the situation, as it will soon phase out. Each year, as we gain experience, we make minor assignment changes at the entering 9th grade in order to improve school enrollment figures and integration percentages.

I anticipate the greatest objection to this modified plan as coming from Classical Alumni who would fear the loss of Classical's great tradition, but I feel that Classical is generous enough to want to share their expertise with others and, at the same time, go on to greater things. We might keep the Latin and Ancient History, and add Greek!

In conclusion, we must comply with the law, and I think that this modified plan is the least costly way to do so. On this point, and on this point alone, in my capacity as a member of the Finance Committee of the City Council, do I have the right to interfere with the prerogatives of the duly appointed School Committee.

William S. Bradshaw

cc: Mr. Charles A. Kilvert, Chairman, Providence School Committee
Mr. Merrill Bailey, Providence Journal

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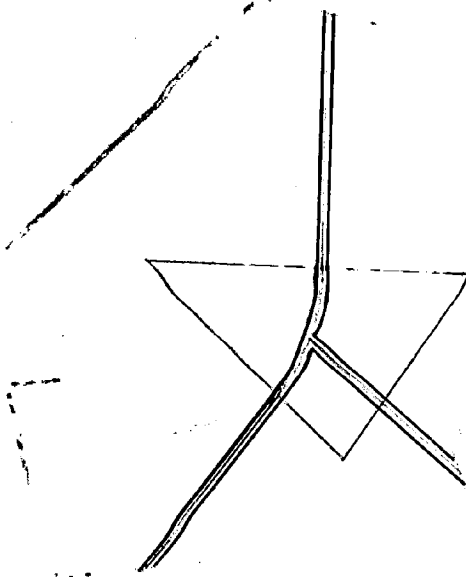
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Map #1

"Blacks" high school
district lines

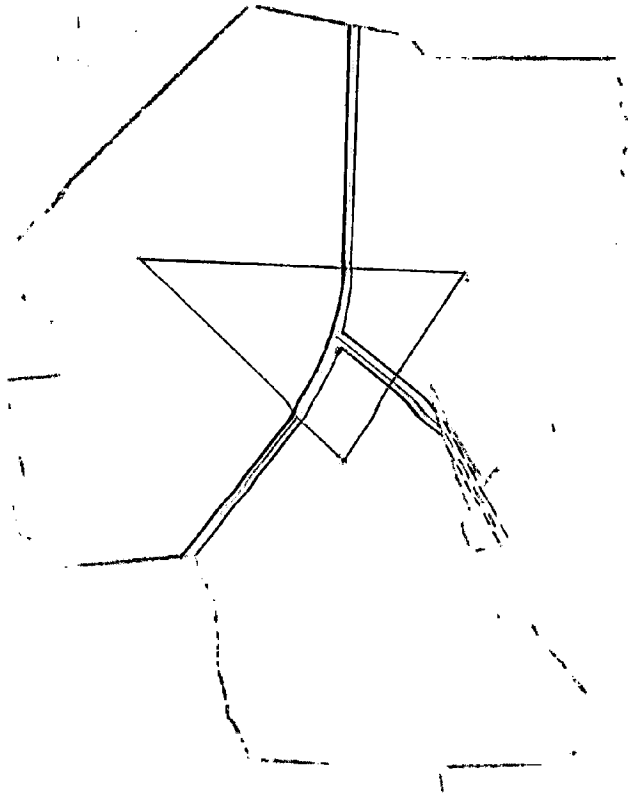




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Map #2

"Whites" high school
district lines



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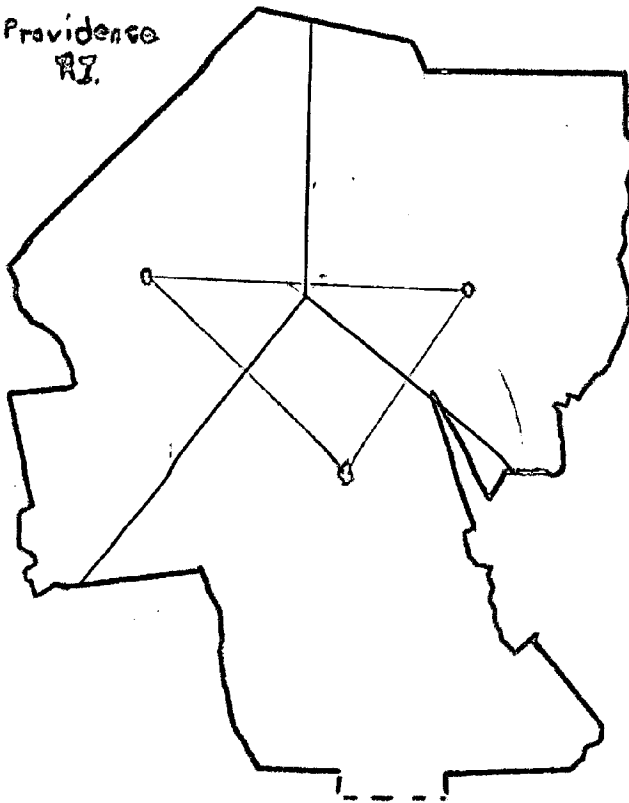
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Map #3

"Ideal" school
districts



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CITY OF PROVIDENCE
JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR., MAYOR
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

March 25, 1971

The Honorable the City Council
of the City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 26 of the Charter of the City of Providence, I am returning herewith, with my disapproval, a resolution read and passed at the March 18, 1971 meeting of the Providence City Council.

In 1941 the Rhode Island Roger Williams Memorial Association conveyed Lot 201, Assessors Plat 10 to the City of Providence to be used as an approach to and accessory of the Roger Williams Monument on Prospect Terrace.

Sale of the above-mentioned lot is restricted to use for the above-mentioned purposes.

For this reason, I am returning this resolution with my disapproval and veto.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.
Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.
Mayor of Providence

JAD:mmh
Enc.

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THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

Approved

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a deed of conveyance to Banice C. Bazar of 205 Slater Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, or his nominee of that certain Lot or Parcel of land, comprising an area of 10,033 square feet of land area, situated on Lot 201 as set out and delineated on City Assessors Plat 10, situated and designated as Benefit Street, for the sum of \$3,500.00 (Three Thousand, Five Hundred) Dollars and such deed shall contain such other terms and conditions as may be approved by the Mayor; and the City Solicitor.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 18 1971

READ and PASSED

Robert J. Hapton
President

Constance Desjardis
Clerk

Disapproved and Vetoed
March 25, 1971

Robert J. Hapton

THE COMMITTEE ON

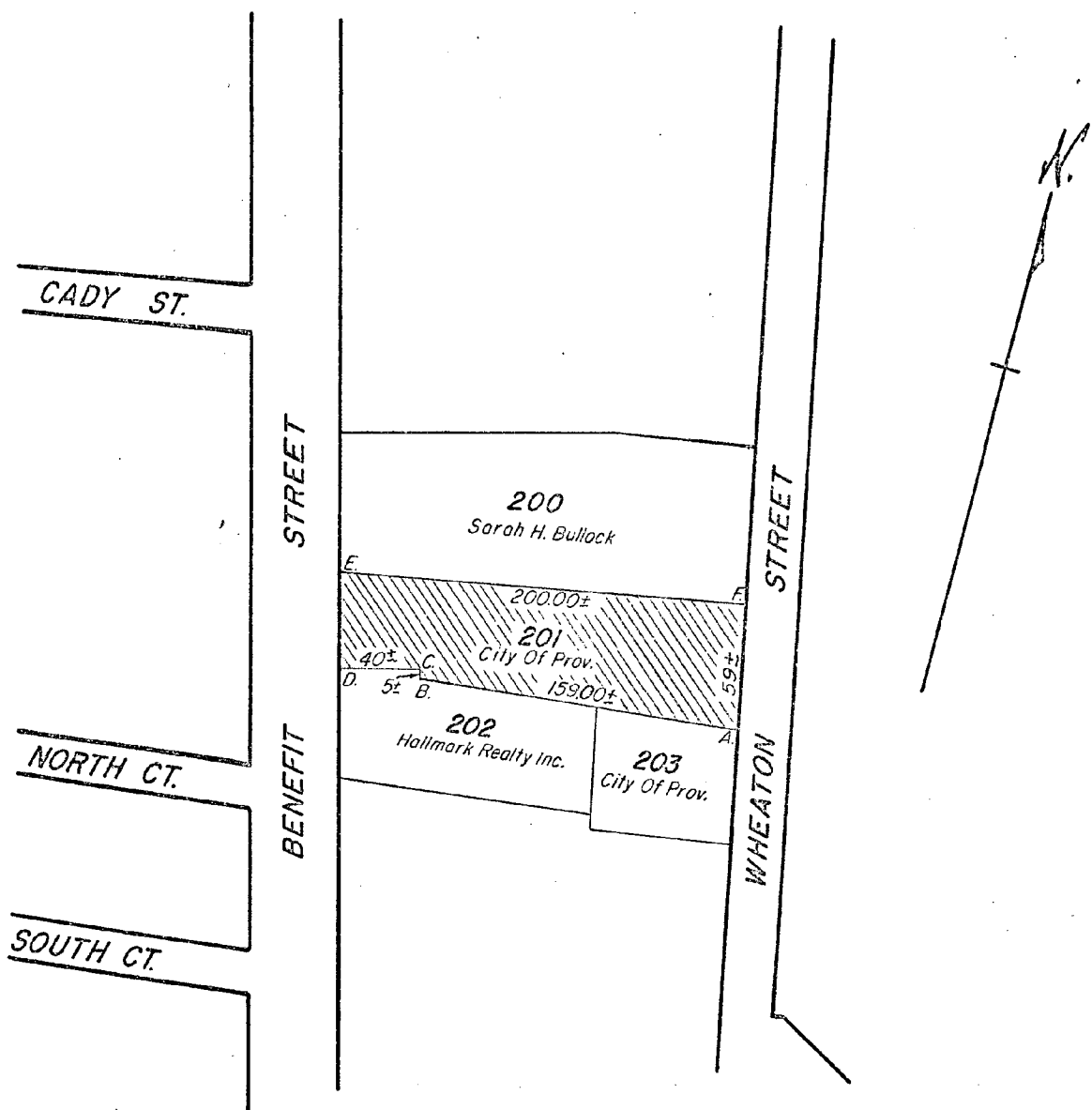
City Property

Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

Wm. W. Vandyke

Chairman
March 11, 1971 Club

PROVIDENCE, R. I.
 W. B. RICE - ENGINEERING OFFICE
 CITY PROPERTY SECTION
 Plan No 063433
 Date March 18, 1971



Notes:
 Cross-Hatched Area A-B-C-D-E-F-A
 Indicates Proposed Sale 10,053± Sq. Ft.
 Lot Numbers From Assessor's Plat 10

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.
 Public Works Dept. - Engineering Office
 Proposed Sale
 Drawn by Seungjo Checked by E.A.K.
 Scale 1" = 80' Date Mar. 18, 1971
 Correct L.P. Rice Associate Engr.
 Approved R. B. Rice CHIEF ENGINEER

VINCENT PALLOZZI
DIRECTOR



JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR.
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT
CITY HALL, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

March 18, 1971

Mr. David McGovern, City Treasurer
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

SUBJECT: Referral No. - REQUEST TO PURCHASE PROPERTY ON BENEFIT STREET

Dear Mr. McGovern:

The request to purchase property at 141 Benefit Street running through to 59 Wheaton Street, Lot 201 on Assessor's Plat 10, from the City of Providence, received consideration by the City Plan Commission.

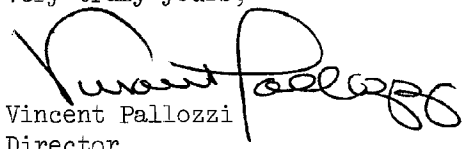
The property in question contains 10,033 square feet of land and is situated in the Historic College Hill District and is zoned for R-2 uses. The proposed zoning is also R-2 in accordance with the Official Redevelopment Plan for the East Side Renewal Project Area.

It was determined by records and on inspection and photographic survey that the property in question is undeveloped vacant land.

The Commission

VOTED: To offer no objection to the sale of this undeveloped parcel of city-owned land provided the purchaser or his successors in interest will use the property in accordance with the zoning controls applicable to the parcel and its surrounding area.

Very truly yours,


Vincent Pallozzi
Director

VP:ee

cc: Councilman Philip F. Addison, Jr.
Councilman Michael E. Kelly
City Council Committee on City Property



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JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR., MAYOR
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

March 30, 1971

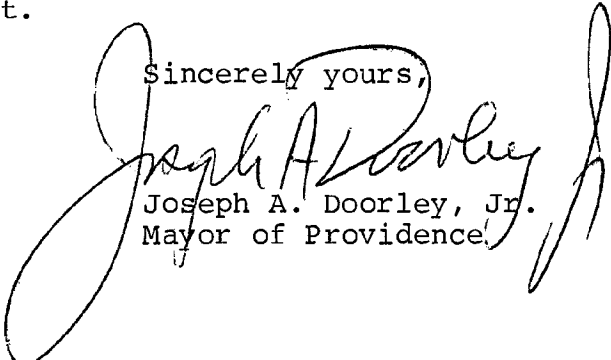
To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Providence
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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 1971-7 of
the Ordinances of the City of Providence approved
March 10, 1971 I have appointed, subject to your
approval, Mr. Alfred J. Mello of 33 Hamlin Street,
Providence, as Director of the Department of Com-
munications.

I respectfully request your approval of
this appointment.

Sincerely yours,

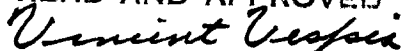

Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.
Mayor of Providence.

JAD:mmh

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