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## BOARD OF CANVASSERS

March 12, 1984

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 15 1984

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Rose Mendonca* CLERK

Rose Mendonca,  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mrs. Mendonca:

Enclosed you will kindly find a copy of our status report to the Providence City Council, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter. We would like to note to the Honorable Members of the City Council that we would be available, with our staff, at any reasonable time to complete this process.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence K. Flynn*  
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Chairman

LKF/sms

Enclosure (1)

STATUS REPORT OF THE PROVIDENCE BOARD OF CANVASSERS  
UNDER SECTION 208(C) OF THE PROVIDENCE HOME RULE CHARTER

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

WHEREAS there was filed with the City Clerk of the City of Providence several papers constituting a recall petition under the provisions of Section 208(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS the City Clerk has referred the several papers constituting the petition to the Board of Canvassers under the provisions of Section 208(c) of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS the Board has examined several hundred of the papers constituting the recall petition, but despite its best efforts has been to date, unable to conclude its validation of all papers constituting the recall petition; and

WHEREAS the Board's request to the State Board of Elections for an extension of the established deadline of March 12, 1984, has to date been denied by said State Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS pursuant to a decision of the State Board of Elections on March 9, 1984, they stated that after a sustained and determined effort by the Board of Canvassers to complete the examination of the petition, and if such examination cannot be concluded within the established deadline so that a certification based upon a complete examination of all papers constituting the petition is impossible, then the Board of Canvassers should report to the City Council that it is unable to state that there are the requisite number of signatures due to the fact that the process known as certification is based upon the examination of less than all of the papers constituting the petition; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Elections has determined that under Section 208(b) of the City Charter at least, 13, ~~220~~<sup>249</sup> signatures of qualified electors are necessary to empower the City Council to order and fix a recall election; and

WHEREAS in compliance with the provisions of Section 208(c) of said Providence Home Rule Charter the Board wishes to report to said City Council the results of its examination and validation of said petition to date.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to the Charter, the Board hereby states that it has concluded the review of the 218 papers out of 1,056 papers constituting in the aggregate the recall petition and to this date is unable to report that said papers validated to date contain ~~13,429~~<sup>13,249</sup> signatures determined by the Board of Elections to be the number necessary in order to empower the City Council to order and fix a recall election, such report is based upon the validation process of less than all of the papers constituting the petition.

Accordingly, as of this date, we state that the papers validated to date contain approximately 2,909 signatures of qualified electors. That the Board of Canvassers has examined pursuant to the Charter approximately 1,056 papers constituting in the aggregate the recall petition. That there are still approximately 858 petitions to be validated.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

PROVIDENCE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

BY *James K. Flynn*  
(CHAIRMAN)  
*Robert A. Demont*  
(SECRETARY)  
*Mark J. Longago*  
(MEMBER)

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