



MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE

January 31, 2024

Tina L. Mastroianni  
City Clerk  
City of Providence

**RE: Appointment to Sustainability Commission – Greg Gerritt (ECRI seat)**

To Ms. Mastroianni,

On Monday, January 30, 2024, at its monthly meeting, the City of Providence’s Sustainability Commission unanimously voted in favor of appointing Greg Gerritt as a member of the Commission, per Ordinance 2021-17 Article VIII ½ Office of Sustainability. The Ordinance states “There shall be a Sustainability Commission consisting of eleven (11) members ... one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Environment Council of Rhode Island.” Gerritt was nominated by the full board of ECRI to serve in this seat. James Crowley, ECRI’s president, stated in his nomination letter to the Sustainability Commission that Gerritt’s extensive experience working in environmental and sustainability issues in Providence will be a significant asset to the Commission.

Greg Gerritt is a longstanding and outspoken advocate for Rhode Island’s ecosystems and is particularly passionate about the connection between healing natural environments and ending poverty. His years of environmental advocacy with ECRI have been spent organizing for authentic sustainability and environmental justice. Gerritt is the Executive Director of Friends of the Moshassuck. His love of the Moshassuck River is shown through his documentation of the shifting environmental conditions and flora and fauna along its banks in the North Burial Ground. Gerritt is a resident of the City of Providence (Mount Hope, Ward 3).

Sincerely,

Priscilla De La Cruz  
Director, Department of Sustainability

CC:  
Julian Drix, Chair of the Sustainability Commission  
Vatic Kuumba, Vice Chair of the Sustainability Commission

IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 15 2024

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Tina L. Mastroianni* CLERK