

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

Approved

WHEREAS, The General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Section 41-9-4, provides that before a gambling facility shall be established in any Town or City, the Town or City Council shall adopt a Resolution to pose to the qualified Electors of said Town or City and to the qualified Electors of the State at the next General Election the question:

"Shall a gambling facility and/or
activity be established in said Town
or City?"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Canvassers and the Secretary of State submit to the qualified Electors of the City of Providence and the qualified Electors of the State of Rhode Island, respectively, at the next General Election to be called on November 5, 1996, the following question:

"Shall a gambling facility and/or
activity be established in the City
of Providence?" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is requested to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Board of Canvassers and to the Secretary of State with a notice that the above question be placed on the ballot and be submitted to the said Electors pursuant to the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Section 41-9-4.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 6 1996
READ AND PASSED

Evelyn V. Fargnoli
ACTING PRES.
Michael R. Clement
CLERK

*I hereby
disapprove
and veto
Uncle Sam's
May
June 14, 1996*

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Mayor of Providence

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.

June 16, 1996

The Honorable Michael R. Clement
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

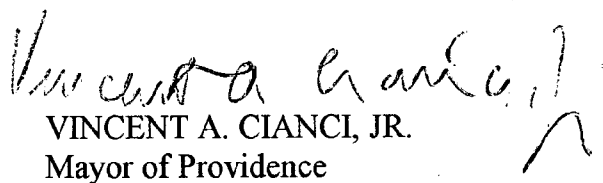
Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to Sections 302(f) and 412 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I hereby disapprove and veto the attached resolution posing the question of the establishment of a gambling facility in the City of Providence.

I have taken this action because this question has already been recently considered and decided by the people of the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island.

Additionally, with the likelihood that the Narragansett Tribe will establish a casino in this state, I take this action in the firm belief that our local economy could not support two such facilities.

Respectfully submitted,


VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

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*Posthumous

June 20, 1996

Hon. Vincent A. Cianci

Mayor, City of Providence

Executive Chambers, City Hall

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mayor Cianci:

I just wanted to commend you on your veto of the Casino bill recently passed by City Council. Your forthright action places you in the forefront in taking the right stand for the people and communities of Providence.

There are vivid examples and ample evidence from Atlantic City to Las Vegas, from Biloxi to Reno, that casinos are a drain on the economy and inevitably take away more from communities than they add. This is especially true in urban areas such as Atlantic City, where over 80% of small businesses have gone under since the arrival of the slot machines and gaming tables. I believe the negative impact of a casino in Providence would be even more severe due to the fact that the economy in Rhode Island is already more devastated than that of other areas.

It was courageous of you to veto a measure popular enough to be approved by a large majority of the council but sometimes you have to be a statesman.

I commend you and I trust your action will be sustained by the council.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Whitten

Executive Director

CC: JOHN HOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL

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