

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 312

Approved November 1, 2010

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has a long and storied maritime history; and

WHEREAS, Narragansett Bay has traditionally served as the main driver of the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Continued public access to the waterfront is integral to the preservation of Rhode Island's unique history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's tourism industry relies greatly on the historic and scenic attractions along Narragansett Bay; and

WHEREAS, The tourism industry is Rhode Island's second largest employer, representing more than 50 thousand jobs; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Question #4 is designed to protect and preserve public access to the waterfront and to restore many of Narragansett Bay's tourist attractions, including Fort Adams in Newport, the former Rocky Point Park site in Warwick, and 25 India Street, the so called Shooters site, in Providence; and

WHEREAS, 25 India Street, the so-called Shooters site, was purchased by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation for use during the relocation of Interstate 195; and

WHEREAS, The parcel is centrally located at the head of Narragansett Bay, adjacent to India Point Park and I-195 on/off ramps; and

WHEREAS, 25 India Street is only a short walk from commercial corridors in College Hill, Downtown, Fox Point, and the Jewelry District, and has direct access to the East Bay Bike Path; and

WHEREAS, If kept public, the site could potentially serve as a function space, public marina, and ferry stop; and

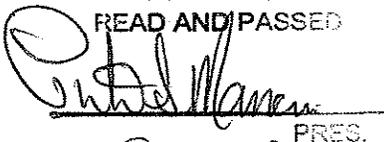
WHEREAS, Such a public use would utilize Providence's unique, urban, waterfront setting to create a major new tourist attraction and ensure continued community access to the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Question #4 would provide \$3.2 million to preserve 25 India Street for public use and recreation.

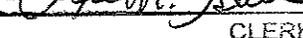
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby support the passage of Ballot Question #4, the Rhode Island Capital Bonds for Open Space Question.

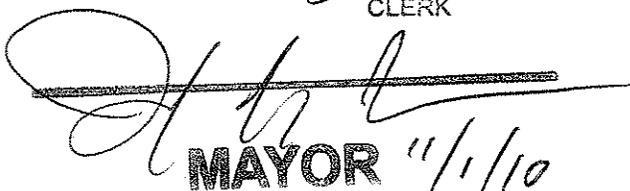
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