

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 56

Approved February 10, 2021

WHEREAS, On December 21st, 2020, Governor Raimondo signed a state budget for the 2021 fiscal year that restored funding to cities and towns, used federal coronavirus relief funds to aid struggling Rhode Islanders, and did not raise taxes; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the FY21 budget, there were also seven bond referendums regarding \$400 million in bonds for education, affordable housing, green infrastructure, transportation, and other initiatives that will be put before voters in a special election on March 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, On their March special election Ballot, Providence voters will see ballot question #2 asking if they support the proposed \$74 million bond for the environment and recreational projects, a total of \$10 million over the governor's original proposal; and

WHEREAS, If approved by the voters, the \$74-million bond will include \$4 million for the proposed park on the former I-195 land in Providence; and

WHEREAS, If approved by the voters, the \$74-million bond will include funding for the proposed park on the former I-195 land in Providence, local recreation projects, dredging of the Providence River, restoration of natural and working wetlands, clean and drinking water projects, municipal resiliency projects, money for state beaches parks and campgrounds, and additional funding for the Woonasquatucket Greenway; and

WHEREAS, The \$74-million dollar environment and recreational projects bond will result in substantial investment into state wide projects that will have meaningful and lasting impacts for all Rhode Islanders.

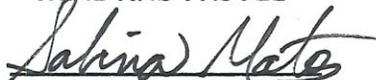
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council encourages all residents to vote "Yes" on the March ballot referendum to approve the proposed \$74-million bond for green initiatives throughout the City.

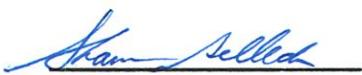
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Providence, each member of the Providence Delegation, the Honorable Rhode Island Speaker of the House and the Rhode Island Senate President.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB. 4 2021

READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Date:


Mayor

2/10/21