

# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



The Credo of the Providence City Council is to be Industrious, to be Watchful and to Promote Peace. The bee, as a symbol of industry, is derived from the early colonial saying "Busy as a Bee"; the goose, as a symbol of watchfulness, is derived from the story of the goose whose cackling saved Rome; and the lamb, as a symbol of peace, is derived from the biblical use of the lamb as a symbol of peace.



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# CITY COUNCIL

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No. 23 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, November 6, 2025, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

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### PRESIDING

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**RACHEL M. MILLER**

### CALL TO ORDER

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 13.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 1.**

**ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, LAUREN GUTIERREZ, SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ALLEN SPIVER, POLICE OFFICER AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR.**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation will be given by **COUNCILWOMAN ALTHEA A. GRAVES**.

“Satan, we're gonna tear your kingdom down. Satan, we're gonna tear your kingdom down. You've been building your kingdoms all over this land, but Satan, we're gonna tear your kingdoms down”. “Giving honor to God and everyone that’s here in this house that is here to fight for the people of this city. We are here because we were selected by the members of each of our communities. We were selected to do the best that we possibly can for this community. With the Lord’s help I hope that each and every last one of us will continue to do that. I hope we will look into our hearts and see what is best for the city. I hope that we will stand up for those people that put us in this office. I hope that we will follow our hearts, our souls and our minds. We cannot be following false prophets. We have a false prophet in the White House. We have to, we have to stop all of this madness that is going on. We have to fight as long and as high as we possibly can. We need to be the Lord’s warriors, we need to be the people’s warriors, we need to fight with every bit of strength and breath and everything inside of us because now we’re looking around. We have people that don’t know when their next meal is going to come from. We have people that are worried about having health care. We have people that are losing their jobs, and we have people that we raised taxes on that don’t know if they’re going to be able to keep their homes. So, we need to keep on praying. We need to keep on searching, and we need to search every corner of our hearts and with all of our strength. We need to look to the Lord for guidance. And then we need to go out and work to make sure that these people are not hungry. We need to make sure that our children are fed. We need to make sure that they have a roof over their heads. We need to fight, we need to fight, we need to fight and with the Lord in our corner, we’ll make it through this. He will not let us fail, because if we fail the city fails. So, I am praying and hoping and looking to all my colleagues to help give me strength and I will try to give you some too. We need to stand tall together, and we need to have faith in each other, and we need to have faith in this city. I will fight for you, I hope you fight for me and we all fight for the people. In the Lord’s name I pray. Amen, Amen and Amen.”

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN MARY KAY HARRIS** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

## ELECTION

### ELECTION OF ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER** Calls for Nominations for One (1) Member of the Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System and Moves to open the elections for One (1) Vacancy on the Retirement Board of the Employee's Retirement System.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL** Nominates **JAMES J. LOMBARDI, III** and this nomination is seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER** Calls for further Nominations and there being none, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **JAMES J. LOMBARDI, III**.

The Clerk cast One Ballot as directed.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER** Thereupon declares **JAMES J. LOMBARDI, III**, duly elected as a member of the Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System for the ensuing term of four years ending on the first Monday in October, 2029.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 22 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held October 16, 2025.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL** Moves to Waive the Reading of item 4 and Move Approval, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

## APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated October 25, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b0 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Laws Chapter 45-50, Sections 1-31, passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Eugene McGrane** of 116 Bayard Street, Providence, Rhode Island 0206, as a member of the **Providence Public Building Authority** for a term to expire on January 31, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. McGrane replaces Mr. McLoughlin whose term expired).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Finance

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## APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Communication from Council President Miller, dated October 31, 2025, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of **Jessica Cigna** of 150 Dexterdale Road, as a member of the **Providence Ethics Commission**, for a term to expire on February 4, 2028. (Jessica Cigna replaces Diane S. Zarum Witman)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 5 and 6, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 5 to the Committee on Finance and Receives item 6.**

## LAID ON THE TABLE

**The following Ordinance was in City Council October 2, 2025, Read and Passed the First Time, was in City Council October 16, 2025, Laid on the Table and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

**COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, FORMER COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMEN VARGAS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "Health and Sanitation", as amended, to add Article VII, "Gas-Powered Lawn Equipment".

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "Health and Sanitation", as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Sec. 12-132. – Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

*Gas-powered leaf blower* means any leaf blower, directly powered by an internal combustion or rotary engine using gasoline, alcohol, or other liquid or gaseous fuel.

*Electric-powered leaf blower* means any leaf blower that is powered solely by electricity.

Sec. 12-133. – Purpose and Intent.

The City Council of Providence recognizes the adverse health and environmental impacts of using gas-powered leaf blowers. The impacts are as follows:

- (a) Gas-powered leaf blowers produce dangerously high noise levels, commonly exceeding acceptable thresholds set by the World Health Organization. Exposure to sound levels of this caliber for extended periods can have adverse health effects such as hearing damage, hearing loss, and hypertension.
- (b) Gas-powered leaf blowers produce low-frequency sound waves that travel farther, and more readily penetrate barriers such as walls, thus magnifying the sound they produce and their disturbance to the public.
- (c) The most common type of gas-powered leaf blowers are 2-stroke combustion engines, which inefficiently process fuel. Up to a third of the gas and oil they use is not burned but emitted as toxic and carcinogenic fumes such as nitrous oxide, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds. These toxic fumes lead to the formation of ozone, acid rain, and smog, as well as pose negative

health risks to operators and the public.

- (d) The exhaust and particulate matter emitted by gas-powered leaf blowers is shown to degrade local air quality as well as increase the risk of heart disease, asthma, cancers, and low birth weight, posing significant health threats to operators and people in the near vicinity.

The City finds these adverse effects sufficient to issue this ordinance. For the sole purpose of protecting and enhancing environmental and public health, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the City to transition away from the use of gas-powered leaf blowers to electric leaf blowers no later than January 1, 2033.

- (a) This ordinance is consistent with the City's 2019 Climate Justice Plan of transitioning from the use of fossil fuels fairly and equitably, particularly regarding the improvement of community health.
- (b) The city understands the limitations of electric leaf-blower technology as well as the financial cost of transitioning, therefore is implementing a multi-year phase-out policy to allow for compliance.
- (c) The City acknowledges the financial burden of phasing out gas-powered electric leaf blowers and will conduct the proper outreach and education regarding existing state funds that can be reimbursed to residents who purchase electric-powered leaf blowers.

#### Sec. 12-134. – Transition.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City to phase out the use of gas-powered leaf blowers beginning on January 1, 2028, and to prohibit such use entirely as of January 1, 2033.

(a) City Use Phase-Out and Education (January 1, 2028 – December 31, 2032)

As of January 1, 2028, the use of gas-powered leaf blowers by any city department and city contractor shall be permitted only between October 1 and December 15 of each calendar year.

(b) Public Phase-Out and Education Period (January 1, 2030 – December 31, 2032)

As of January 1, 2030, the use of gas-powered leaf blowers by any person, including city departments and city contractors, shall be permitted only between October 1 and December 15 of each calendar year.

(c) Permanent Prohibition (Effective January 1, 2033)

As of January 1, 2033, the use of gas-powered leaf blowers anywhere within the city limits by any person, including city departments and city contractors, shall be prohibited.

#### Sec. 12-135. – Energy Department Commitment.

The City of Providence hereby commits to working with the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources and the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation to develop assistance for small business owners in the transition to electric equipment. This is to make the transition away from gas-powered leaf blowers as equitable as possible and to eliminate the financial burden on small landscaping companies.

Sec. 12-136. – Violations.

The use of a gas-powered leaf blower in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to the following:

- (1) In the first year of the Public Phase-Out and Education Period (January 1, 2030 – December 31, 2031), the first three instances of non-compliance will receive a warning accompanied by education and resources to support compliance. Subsequent instances of non-compliance will be addressed in accordance with Section 12-136.3.
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2032, the first instance of non-compliance will receive a warning from the Department of Public Works.
- (3) Each subsequent instance of non-compliance will be subject to a \$100 fine per instance of violation.
- (4) Violations will be issued to the owner of the property on which the leaf blower was used or contracted for use.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 7, Substitute and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED (AS AMENDED) 2X [9 TO 3]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilor Sanchez– 9.
<b>NAYS:</b>	Councilwoman Graves, Councilor Pichardo and Councilman Vargas – 3.
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Councilwoman Vargas – 1.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage the Second Time, as Amended, is Sustained.**

## ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

**The following Ordinances were in City Council October 16, 2025, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

**COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ROIAS, ANDERBOIS, FORMER COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, VARGAS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR PICHARDO**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 ½ “Police”, Section 18½ - 4 “Providence Community - Police Relations Act” of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

Section 1. Chapter 18 ½, “Police”, Sec. 18 ½-4 “Providence Community-Police Relations Act” is hereby amended as follows:

### **Sec. 18½-4. Providence Community-Police Relations Act.**

(a) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

*Electronic data collection* means a report produced from computer-aided dispatch (CAD), electronic documentation, or any other police-generated report, in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 31-21.2-5(c), and shall include all the following information:

- (1) The date, time and general location of the stop;
- (2) The race or ethnicity, gender, and approximate age of the individual(s) stopped; provided that the identification of these characteristics shall be based on the observation and perception of the police officer making the stop and the information shall not be requested of the person(s) stopped;
- (3) In the law enforcement officer's own words, the reasonable suspicion and/or probable cause, if such exists, giving rise to the stop;
- (4) Whether a search was executed as a result of the stop;
- (5) The scope of any search conducted;
- (6) Whether the search was conducted pursuant to probable cause and/or reasonable suspicion, and what the probable cause and/or reasonable suspicion prompting the search was in the officer's own words;
- (7) Whether any contraband, including money, was seized in the course of the search, and if so, the nature of the contraband;
- (8) Whether any warning or citation was issued as a result of the stop;
- (9) Whether an arrest was made as a result of either the stop or the search;
- (10) The approximate duration of the stop; and
- (11) The federal identification number of the officer.

*Investigatory activity* means any traffic stop, pedestrian stop, interview, interrogation, detention, frisk, pat-down, Terry frisk, Terry pat-down, or any search of a person or property.

*Law enforcement officer, or police officer* means any member of the Providence Police Department, duly sworn and vested with police power.

*Limited English Proficient individual* means any person whose primary language is not English and/or who does not have the ability to adequately understand or communicate effectively in English.

*Qualified interpreter* means an individual who is able to interpret simultaneously and consecutively and sight translate from English into a foreign language and from said language into English, in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 8-19-2.

*Racial and other forms of discriminatory profiling* is defined as the reliance on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, use of a foreign language, gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, housing status, physical or mental disability, or serious medical condition as a basis, in whole or in part, for suspecting that a person has committed or is about to commit a crime or is about to commit a crime, unless the officer's decision is based on a specific and reliable suspect description as well.

*Transgender* is an umbrella term that describes individuals whose gender identity is different from their assigned sex at birth.

*Federal immigration authority* means any officer, employee, or person otherwise paid by or acting as an agent of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement or United States Custom and Border Protection or any division or designee thereof, or any other officer, employee, or person otherwise paid by or acting as an agent of the United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Department of State, or any other federal entity who is charged with immigration enforcement.

*Immigration enforcement* means and includes any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal civil immigration law and any federal criminal immigration law that penalizes a person's presence in, entry, or reentry to, or employment in, the United States including, but not limited to, violations of Sections, 1324c, 1325, or 1326 of Title 8 of the United States Code (8 U.S.C. §§, 1324, 1325 and 1326).

*Judicial warrant* means a warrant based on probable cause and issued by a federal judge or a federal magistrate judge that authorizes federal immigration authorities to take into custody the person who is the subject of the warrant.

*Schools* means any public schools, including district charter schools and mayoral academies; public preschools and early learning programs; city-funded daycare facilities, after-school programs, and childcare centers; and municipal education-related activities or events not otherwise open to the public.

- (b) *Prohibition on racial and other forms of discriminatory profiling.* When conducting any investigatory activity, law enforcement shall not rely on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, use of a foreign language, limited English proficiency, gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, housing status, physical or mental disability, or serious medical condition as a basis, in whole or in part, for suspecting that a person has committed or is about to commit a crime, unless the officer's decision is based on a specific and reliable suspect description that includes not just these characteristics, but other identifying

characteristics or information as well.

(c) *Documentation.*

(1) *Electronic data collection report.*

- a. An officer completing an electronic data collection report shall record the information identified in subsection (a)(3) of this section.
- b. The Providence Police Department shall establish policies clearly outlining the definition of "stop" and shall require the completion of an electronic data collection report the completion of all stops. Said policies shall be public documents and shall be made available on the police department website. The Providence External Review Authority shall be notified of any changes to this policy and shall have the power to review and make recommendations for improving the policy.
- c. The subject of a traffic or pedestrian stop shall be able to request and receive, at the police station, a physical copy of the report which includes all of the data elements identified in subsection (a)(3) within seventy-two (72) hours of the stop.
- d. No later than one (1) year after the passage of this ordinance, it shall be required that, at every stop, the officer shall provide the subject with information regarding the stop including a reference number to access their report, the officer's federal identification number, and the contact information for the Providence External Review Authority.

(2) *Video and audio recording.*

- a. The Providence Police Department shall adopt written policies regarding the use of video and/or audio recording devices such as, but not limited to, dashboard cameras, body cameras, and digital audio recorders, should the department utilize these devices. These policies shall be public records and shall include, without limitation, the following standards:
  1. Standards setting forth when the device is required to be activated and when the device must not be activated.
  2. The subject of a stop shall be advised by the officer that the encounter is being recorded when practicable and consistent with ensuring officer safety and the safety of others.
  3. A chain of custody record of the recordings shall be maintained.
  4. Once a video/audio recording of a stop has been preserved by the police department for further investigation beyond the minimum retention period established by policy, the subject of said stop shall be notified by the police department of this action and shall be informed that they, and or their legal counsel, shall have the right to request to view and listen to the recording involving them at a reasonable time and location within ten (10) business days of the request provided that such notification does not adversely impact imminent law enforcement action.

5. The policy shall establish a minimum period of retention for such recordings of no less than sixty (60) days, and procedures to ensure that the recording equipment is in proper working order, and shall bar the destruction of any recording related to an incident that is the subject of a pending complaint, misconduct investigation or civil or criminal proceeding. Such recordings shall be retained for a minimum of ten (10) days after the final resolution of such investigation or proceeding, including the time for any appeal;
  6. The policy shall explicitly prohibit any violation of these requirements, including any attempts to disengage or tamper with the video/audio surveillance equipment or to otherwise fail to record stops as specified in the policy;
- b. While on duty and in interactions with the public, police shall be prohibited from using personal audio or video recording devices. Only devices subject to the policy outlined above shall be permitted.
  - c. Police shall not interfere with, harass, demand identification from, or otherwise intimidate members of the public making video or audio recordings of police activity in any place the individual who is recording has a legal right to be present. Law enforcement officers shall not intentionally block or obstruct cameras or other recording devices. Law enforcement officers shall not damage or destroy recording devices or cameras, and deleting and/or altering recordings or photographs under any circumstances shall be prohibited. However, nothing contained within this section shall limit the ability of an officer to take appropriate action, if the actions of those recording interfere with the officer's official duties or with the safety of the officer or others.
- (d) *Traffic stops.*
- (1) Prior to asking the subject of a vehicle stop for their license, a law enforcement officer must, when practicable and consistent with ensuring officer safety or the safety of others, describe to the subject the suspected violation that prompted the stop.
  - (2) No operator of a motor vehicle shall be requested to provide any documentation or identification other than a driver's license or a form of identification listed in subsection (f)(7), motor vehicle registration, and/or proof of insurance when the motor vehicle has been stopped solely for a traffic violation, unless there exists reasonable suspicion and/or probable cause of criminal activity, or the operator has failed to produce a valid driver's license, or the particular type of vehicle stopped requires other types of documentation specified under R.I.G.L. Tit. 31 or under Federal Law.
  - (3) No passenger of a motor vehicle shall be requested to provide identification or any other documentation by a law enforcement officer when the motor vehicle has been stopped solely for a traffic violation, unless there exists reasonable suspicion and/or probable cause of criminal activity.
  - (4) Unless there exists reasonable suspicion and/or probable cause of criminal activity, no motor vehicle stopped for a traffic violation shall be detained beyond the time needed to address the violation.

(5) When an individual is cited for driving without a valid license under R.I.G.L. § 31-11-18-18.1 and this constitutes the only criminal charge resulting from the traffic stop, the individual may be issued a court summons but may not be arrested, provided that the individual can show identification including alternative forms of identification as described in subsection (f)(7). However, in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 31-11-18.1(a) nothing in this section shall prohibit the arrest of individuals cited for driving when their license to operate is suspended, revoked, or cancelled for:

- a. Operating under the influence of a narcotic drug or intoxicating liquor;
- b. Refusing to submit to a chemical test; reckless driving;
- c. Manslaughter from the operation of a motor vehicle or operating so as to endanger resulting in death; or
- d. Three (3) moving violations within a one-year period.

(e) *Searches.*

- (1) Any individual requested to consent to a search by a law enforcement officer of their motor vehicle, person, or belongings shall be informed by the officer of their right to refuse consent to the search. An individual's choice not to consent to a search shall not be deemed reasonable suspicion to conduct a search.
- (2) When practicable and consistent with ensuring officer safety or the safety of others, searches shall be performed by an officer of the same gender identity as the individual being searched. If an officer of the individual's gender identity is not present at the time, one (1) will be called to the scene as soon as possible so as not to unnecessarily delay the time required to perform the search. Individuals who identify as transgender or gender non-conforming have the right to indicate their preference to be searched by either a male or female officer. If the individual's gender request can be reasonably and expeditiously accommodated without risk to officer safety, the request should be granted. The Providence Police Department shall develop and maintain policies and protocols for how officers shall conduct searches of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Said policies shall be public documents, available on the police department website, and shall be subject to review by the Providence External Review Authority.

(f) *Surveillance and privacy.*

- (1) Providence Police Department shall not engage in targeted electronic surveillance to collect or retain information about the lawful activities of targeted individuals or groups without reasonable suspicion that such activities relate to criminal activity or a judicial warrant specific to the time, place, and target of such surveillance.
- (2) Providence Police Department shall not use Real Time Crime Center technology or Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology, data, and/or footage, or other similar technology, to enforce, comply, or assist with federal immigration enforcement, or collect or retain information regarding a person's demographic identity, such as race and/or ethnicity, unless presented with a judicial warrant.

- (3) Any current or future external agency granted permission to use or review Real Time Crime Center data, ALPR footage, or other similar technology data and/or footage, collected in Providence must agree, through a formal written agreement, to the provisions within this chapter. For external agencies who do not sign such agreements, permission to access data in Providence is prohibited.
- (4) Police may not engage in an undercover capacity with groups in non-public places based solely on those groups' participation in First Amendment protected activities.
- (5) Police may not consider an individual's lack of proof of identification or failure to respond to a request for identifying information as probable cause or reasonable suspicion of criminal activity, unless the police have a lawful reason to require identification. Police also cannot consider an individual's lack of proof of identification as reason to seek help from federal immigration authorities to confirm an identity document.
- (6) When attempting to determine the identity of a person appearing to be under eighteen (18) years of age, police or their representatives must accept any statement of that youth that they do not have any form of identification in their possession and may not repeat a request for the same form of identification once a juvenile has stated that they do not have that form of identification.
- (7) Police may not photograph individuals confirmed to be under eighteen (18) years of age or, in the event that age identification cannot be confirmed, individuals who appear to be under eighteen (18) years of age, in accordance with subsection (f)(4), except:
  - a. As part of formal booking procedures;
  - b. To document evidence of a crime;
  - c. When there is reasonable suspicion and/or probable cause to believe that the juvenile is engaged in criminal activity;
  - d. Pursuant to a court order;
  - c. During large scale public events;
  - d. Via video or audio recording equipment used in compliance with subsection (c)(2); or
  - e. For the specific purpose of documenting injury sustained by the juvenile.However any photographs taken of juveniles shall be destroyed within ninety (90) days, unless otherwise prohibited by law, or unless a specific investigation pertaining to the juvenile remains open or specific charges against the juvenile have been filed and a case remains pending against the juvenile.
- (8) Police may not inquire about an individual's immigration status or national origin.
- (9) Any valid identification issued by a foreign government including but not limited to consular identification, foreign driver's license, or passport, shall be considered acceptable identification to the same extent as identification issued by a domestic government agency. Other acceptable forms of identification include a valid student ID or other valid forms of identification that include an individual's name, photograph, and/or address.

(10) No police officer shall identify any individual as a member of a gang in any list or database maintained by any law enforcement agency, nor in any reports, memoranda or other document, unless the individual meets the criteria for inclusion on a so-called "gang list" or "gang database." No Police Department official authorized to enter information into the gang database shall identify any individual as a gang member in written notes unless the individual meet the criteria for inclusion on the so-called "gang list" or "gang database. The list of criteria used to determine inclusion on the "gang list" or "gang database" shall be public information, shall be subject to review by the Providence External Review Authority, and shall not include:

- a. Association with other people identified as gang members or any substantially equivalent factor;
- b. Race;
- c. Location of domicile; nor
- d. Location of encounter.

(11) Gang list/database notification.

- a. Any individual shall have the ability to inquire whether he or she has been included on a "gang list" or "gang database." If such disclosure does not adversely impact imminent law enforcement action, the individual shall be informed if he or she is in the database by written notice no later than ten (10) business days after the inquiry is received. Additionally, the written notice shall explain the right to appeal and the process to appeal the individual's inclusion on the "gang list" or "gang database" as prescribed in this ordinance. The fact that an individual inquired about their inclusion on the "gang list" or "gang database" shall not be considered evidence that the individual is a member or associate of a gang, nor shall it be included in the criteria for inclusion on the "gang list" or "gang database."
- b. Prior to adding any individual under eighteen (18) years of age to the "gang list" or "gang database," the Providence Police Department shall provide written notice, pursuant to the aforementioned policies, of the designation and the basis for the designation by notarized letter delivered via certified mail to the person and their parent or guardian, unless such disclosure would adversely impact imminent law enforcement action. Additionally, the written notice shall explain the right to appeal and the process to appeal the individual's inclusion on the "gang list" or "gang database" as prescribed in this section.
- c. The police department shall establish policies governing the handling of the requests and notifications set forth in (f)(9)(i) and (ii), and for ensuring the safety of the individuals notified. Such policies shall be public documents, available on the police department website, and subject to review by the Providence External Review Authority.

- (12) Gang list/gang database appeals.
- a. The police department shall establish policies allowing for the administrative removal of individuals from the gang list or gang database in the event that an individual and the police department mutually agree that said individual was added to the gang list or gang database in error). Such policies shall be public documents, available on the police department website, and subject to review by the Providence External Review Authority.
  - b. Upon request, an individual whose name has been included on a gang list or gang database may challenge that designation through a formal appeal to the Providence External Review Authority. A hearing shall be scheduled within thirty (30) days at which the police department shall establish that the inclusion of the challenging individual on the gang list or gang database was consistent with the established police department policy. If a simple majority of the Providence External Review Authority (PERA) finds that the inclusion of the challenging individual on the gang list or gang database was not consistent with established police department policy, the challenging individual shall be removed from the gang list or gang database. Such hearings shall not be open meetings and under no circumstances shall evidence or information related to on-going investigations presented at such hearings be shared with any individual beyond the members of PERA, necessary PERA staff, the appellant, and the appellant's legal counsel.
- (13) In the event that an appeal is not successful, a notation will be made in the file and in any transmission of the information concerning that individual, that the person denies the allegation of gang membership or association. The appellant in an unsuccessful appeal shall not be permitted to appeal again for at least one (1) calendar year.
- (14) No information related to on-going appeals or successfully contested allegations of gang membership or association shall be shared with any third party unless required by law.
- (15) If an individual has no convictions within a two-year period after their name has been placed on the "gang list," and no new evidence meeting the criteria for inclusion on the "gang list" has been found, the name shall be removed and all related records destroyed. A letter confirming that the individual's name has been removed from the gang list shall be sent to the person at their last known address. However, the two-year period shall not include any time the individual spent incarcerated or serving a suspended sentence.
- (16) Each year, the Providence Police Department shall produce a report providing the total number of individuals whose names are included on the "gang list," with demographic detail including age, race, ethnicity, and gender, and a total of how many of those individuals have challenged their inclusion on the "gang list."
- (17) Each year, the Providence Police Department shall engage an independent auditor, selected by PERA, the city solicitor, and the commissioner of public safety, to audit the "gang list," identify any errors, and make recommendations for improving the operations and use the "gang list." A full report of the results of the audit shall be provided to the commissioner of public safety, the chief of police, and to PERA for its review. In the auditor's report, the names of individuals on the "gang list" shall not be included and shall, instead, be replaced with unique identifying numbers. The identity of the auditor shall remain confidential.

(g) *Language access for Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals.*

- (1) The police department shall maintain a language access hotline to connect police officials in the field with qualified interpreters in a timely manner. Officers who wish to question an LEP individual for any reason and are not fluent in a language spoken proficiently by that individual, shall not question that individual without the aid of the aforementioned language access hotline or without a qualified interpreter is present, except in emergency situations. Police shall not use family members, friends or bystanders as interpreters, except when the aforementioned language access hotline is unavailable or in emergency situations and/or for the purposes of explaining to an individual that they are securing an interpreter or the language access hotline.
- (2) The police department shall establish and maintain policies for the use of the language access hotline, setting standards for determining language fluency among officers, and clearly defining emergency situations. Such policies shall be public documents, available on the police department website, and subject to review by the Providence External Review Authority.
- (3) All custodial interrogations in police stations or substations involving LEP individuals must be recorded and such recording shall be made available to the interrogated individual and/or their attorneys. Whenever an officer equipped with a body camera conducts a custodial interrogation of an LEP individual in the field, that interrogation shall be recorded. Recordings made pursuant to this subsection shall be made available to the interrogated individuals and/or their attorneys, unless doing so would impede an ongoing investigation.
- (4) Miranda Warnings, and all other vital written materials, will be available in the five (5) most commonly spoken languages in Providence, according to the most recent Census data. In the case of a language into which forms have not been translated and in the case of illiteracy, forms will be read to a suspect or witness in their primary language using the contracted interpretation services.
- (5) At each police building with direct public access, signs shall be posted in the five (5) most commonly spoken languages in Providence, according to the most recent Census data, at each public access point or lobby stating that a language access hotline will be provided free of charge to LEP individuals.
- (6) Police shall not seek interpretation assistance from federal immigration authorities.

(h) *Collaboration with other law enforcement agencies.*

- (1) Any formal agreements addressing cooperation and mutual assistance between Providence Police and other law enforcement agencies shall be deemed public documents, subject to the Access to Public Records Act, R.I.G.L. § 38-2-1 et seq., and posted on the city's website unless it adversely impacts investigatory activities.
- (2) A law enforcement officer shall not detain, arrest, or transport an individual on the basis of a request from another agency or pursuant to an administrative warrant or other similar document, such as a civil immigration warrant entered into the National Criminal Identification Center, after a stop or when the individual is eligible for release from custody, unless the agency has a criminal warrant, issued by a judicial officer, for the individual, or the detention is otherwise legally required.

- (3) Providence Police shall not offer to assist or to comply with requests by other agencies to support or assist in operations conducted for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration law, unless presented with a judicial warrant.
- (4) Supporting or assisting operations for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration law includes but is not limited to the following:
  - a. To provide information to federal immigration authorities about arrestees or inmates that is not otherwise available to the public, unless presented with a judicial warrant.
  - b. To use City monies, personnel, or resources to assist in the investigation, interrogation, detention, detection, or arrest of persons exclusively for the purpose of immigration enforcement.
  - c. To allow federal immigration authorities access to their non-public premises unless presented with a judicial warrant, naming a specific individual or evidence.
  - d. To grant federal immigration authorities access to any facial recognition technology used, utilized or managed by law enforcement, such as ALPR technology, unless presented with a judicial warrant, naming a specific individual or evidence.
  - e. To exercise federal civil immigration authority under § 287(g) or 103(a)(10), or similar provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act or any similar laws authorizing local enforcement of immigration laws.
  - f. To comply with requests to establish traffic perimeters or otherwise control public areas for the exclusive purpose of assisting or complying with immigration enforcement.
- (5) Providence public schools and courts of the City of Providence shall not grant access to their premises for any federal immigration authority to investigate, detain, apprehend, or arrest any individuals for potential violations of federal immigration laws, unless such federal immigration authority presents a judicial warrant that clearly identifies the individual whom the federal authority seeks to locate, serve, or apprehend.
- (6) Every municipal law enforcement agency, municipal courthouse, municipal jail, municipal prison and public school within the perimeters of Providence shall designate or authorize personnel that shall review the presented judicial warrant and consent to the federal immigration authority's access to the premises.
- (7) No Providence city agency, department, or subdivision thereof shall provide documents, records, or other evidence in response to an administrative subpoena from federal immigration authorities until it has been reviewed and vetted by the city attorney.
- (8) Nothing in this chapter prohibits or restricts any official from sending to, or receiving from federal immigration authorities, information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of an individual pursuant to Sections 1373 and 1644 of Title 8 of the United States Code.
- (9) All joint activities undertaken between Providence Police Department and other law enforcement agencies not governed by formal agreements as covered in this section shall publicly report as soon as practicable upon completion of the operation.

(10) The Providence Police Department shall abide by the provisions of this ordinance at all times, including when working in collaboration with outside law enforcement agencies.

(i) *Accountability and enforcement.*

(1) Generally.

- a. When conducting a stop or search, a police officer must provide their federal identification number.
- b. Any subject of a stop or search may ask an on-duty law enforcement officer for a business card containing the officer's federal identification number. The officer must comply with the request, when practicable and consistent with ensuring officer safety and the safety of others. Such requests shall not be deemed reasonable suspicion of criminal activity. When in uniform, Providence Police officers must wear their federal identification number on their uniform.

(2) An individual subjected to any violation of this ordinance, other than a violation of subsection (i)(6), may file a civil action for injunctive and declaratory relief, and compensatory damages in any court of competent jurisdiction, for bringing such action against:

- a. Any governmental body that employs any law enforcement officer who has engaged, is engaging, or continues to engage in violations of any section of this ordinance; and
- b. Any law enforcement officer who has engaged, is engaging, or continues to engage in knowing and willful violations of any section of this ordinance; and
- c. The City of Providence as a Municipal Corporation as described under R.I. Gen. Laws §45-15-1.

(3) An organization incorporated in the State of Rhode Island and that has within its stated purpose the advancement of civil and/or human rights, the well-being of the residents of Providence including its youth, or the promotion of opportunities for disenfranchised or marginalized communities may seek appropriate relief in a civil action for injunctive and declaratory relief, in any court of competent jurisdiction, for any violation of this ordinance, other than a violation of subsection (i)(6), for bringing such an action against:

- a. Any governmental body that employs any law enforcement officer who has engaged, is engaging, or continues to engage in violations of any section of this ordinance; and
- b. Any law enforcement officer who has engaged, is engaging, or continues to engage in knowing and willful violations of any section of this ordinance.
- c. The City of Providence as a Municipal Corporation as described under R.I. Gen. Laws §45-15-1.

(4) Preservation of rights. This section shall be in addition to all rights, procedures, and remedies available under the United States Constitution, Section 1983 of Title 42 of the United States Code, the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and all other federal law, state law, municipal law and all preexisting civil remedies, including monetary damages, created by statute, ordinance, regulation or common law.

- (5) The chief of police shall prepare and make available on the city's website, as well as to the Providence External Review Authority, the city council and the public, a quarterly report commencing with the city's fiscal year containing the following information:
  - a. Compilation of the data collected pursuant to subsection (c)(1), providing at a minimum statistical descriptions of individuals stopped, results of the stop, analyzed by direct and cross-tabulation of race, ethnicity, gender, and age (as perceived by the officer initiating the stop).
  - b. Maps or other graphic representations providing approximate geographical locations of aggregate stops.
  - c. Complaints received by the office of professional responsibility involving alleged violations of one (1) or more provisions of this section.
  - d. A summary of all pending civil and criminal litigation against the Providence Police Department or any of its employees, or the City of Providence, alleging violations of any provision of this section.
  - e. Copies of any new policies or revisions to existing policies enacted during the report period.
- (6) The Providence External Review Authority, upon review of all data described in subsection (i)(6)(i), may recommend diversionary reinvestments that would, if implemented, reallocate city funding from the Police Department Budget as a whole, and from the funds specifically allocated to the office of public safety commissioner, to municipal recreation, youth programming and employment opportunities.
  - a. A written description of these recommendations shall be submitted to the mayor and the city council no later than the last day of January.
  - b. The mayor and or the public safety commissioner shall provide a written response to the recommendations no later than twenty (20) days after receiving them.
  - c. The finance committee of the city council, or any other committee within the city council most responsible for preparing a budget proposal to be considered by the council as a whole, shall review and respond to the recommendations during its budget deliberations. It shall conduct a public hearing at which members of the public may present their responses to the recommendations. For any city department potentially affected by a diversionary reinvestment, the director or their designee must attend the public hearing described in this subsection.
- (7) The Providence External Review Authority shall be authorized to review proposed labor agreements between the City of Providence and any labor union representing sworn officers employed by the city at the time tentative signed agreements are submitted to the city council, and to make recommendations to either or both parties negotiating the labor contract.
- (8) The Providence External Review Authority shall be specifically authorized to accept complaints relating to any violation of the Community Safety Act, as well as complaints about improper or inappropriate use of canines.
- (j) *[Evidence suppression.]* No provision or violation of this ordinance shall be used as an independent basis to suppress evidence in a criminal proceeding.

- (k) *[Funding.]* Appropriate funding shall be made available to implement the provisions of this chapter.
- (l) *Severability.* The provisions of this section shall be severable. If any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this section is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the validity of the remainder of the section and its applicability to any other agency, person or circumstances shall not be affected.
- (m) *[Implementation report.]* No later than six (6) months from the enactment of this section, the commissioner of public safety and the chairperson of PERA, shall issue to the city council a report on the implementation of this section.

(Ord. No. 2017-18, § 1, 6-6-17, eff. 1-1-18)

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 8 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL AND GONCALVES**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, “Health and Sanitation” Article III, “Garbage, Trash, and Refuse”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

**Section 1.** Section 12-63 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is amended as follows:

**Sec. 12-63. - Time to place waste for collection; duty to remove after collection.**

(a) The owner of any dwelling shall be deemed to have allowed an unsanitary condition and a nuisance to exist whenever garbage, trash or debris at that dwelling is placed out early for municipal collection. "Early" shall mean prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day preceding the date of garbage collection.

(b) The owner of any dwelling shall be deemed to have allowed an unsanitary condition and a nuisance to exist whenever containers used for the deposit of garbage, trash or debris at that dwelling are not removed from the public way by midnight of the designated collection day for that particular area of the city.

(c) Except for the placement of containers on the public way for trash collection, an owner of any dwelling shall be deemed to have allowed an unsanitary condition and nuisance to exist at that dwelling whenever containers for the storage of garbage, trash or debris are not screened or are otherwise viewable from the street. This provision shall not apply to nonresidential uses.

(d) Upon the first violation of this article, the owner of the subject dwelling shall be issued a warning by public works director or his/her duly authorized agent notifying the owner of the violation. Penalties for violation of subsection (b) shall not be assessed at more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) cumulatively per calendar year for each individual dwelling. For all violations that occur after a warning is issued to a particular owner for a specific property: The penalty shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first violation, fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second violation, and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for all subsequent violations occurring within a calendar year. Occupants of non-owner-occupied dwellings shall be issued a notice that informs the dwelling's occupant of the violation.

(e) Chronic violators. Whoever shall be found in violation of the provisions of this article on four (4) or more occasions within the calendar year shall be deemed a chronic violator. If a chronic violator has not paid to the City the full sum of all penalties assessed for such violations, the City may provide written notice, sent by U.S. Mail, of its intent to remove all City-issued waste containers. Such notice shall provide the violator fourteen (14) days from the date of mailing to remit payment in full of all penalties assessed. Upon expiration of that period, the City may remove all of its issued containers from the dwelling until such time as all penalties assessed for violations of this ordinance and all expenses for the removal of said containers and their redelivery to the dwelling have been paid to the City in full. The expenses for removal and redelivery shall be set by the Department of Public Works and published on the City's website. Following the first such mailed notice, the Department of Public Works may, in the case of subsequent violations by the same chronic violator, remove containers without providing an additional mailed notice. The City may also summon a chronic violator to the City of Providence Municipal Court but shall not do so in substitution of the penalties specified in this subsection.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 9 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [10 TO 3]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 10.
<b>NAYES:</b>	Councilors AnderBois, Roias and Sanchez – 3.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

### COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL AND GONCALVES

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, "Administration", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Health, Opportunity, Prosperity and Education (HOPE)

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### COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to Change Certain Text in Articles 5, 12, 18, and 19 Regarding Building Design Standards.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Ordinances

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 10 and 11, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 10 to the Special Committee on HOPE and Refers item 11 to the Committee on Ordinances.**

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Memorializing Patricia Raub.

*WHEREAS*, Patricia Raub was a resident of the Fourteenth Ward; and

*WHEREAS*, A historian by trade, Ms. Raub documented the early history of Providence libraries in two journal articles in addition to her work in and teaching of American studies, popular culture, women's studies, and American history; and

*WHEREAS*, Ms. Raub was a dedicated advocate for Providence libraries, being one of the four founding members of the Community Libraries of Providence and a tireless advocate in person and in print for the support and flourishing of its neighborhood branches; and

*WHEREAS*, Ms. Raub extended her care and concern, whether by her sympathy and get-well-soon cards for staff and library associates or by her constant, affirming presence at library events; and

*WHEREAS*, Ms. Raub was also a board member and president of the Friends of Wanskuck as well as a co-chair of the Rhode Island Transit Riders and a critical organizer in the Janitors for Justice movement in Providence in 2005; and

*WHEREAS*, Ms. Raub, having died on October 29, 2025, is remembered for her kindness, wit, and unwavering dedication and has created a legacy legible in every branch of the Community Libraries of Providence.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council recognizes the life and committed advocacy of Patricia Raub.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That the City Council offers its most sincere condolences to her husband, Rob Goff; her family; her colleagues in library advocacy; and those who were motivated by her civic spirit.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Patricia Raub and to the board of directors of the Community Libraries of Providence.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 12 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**PERSONAL EXPRESSION**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“So, I met Patricia Raub in the 2000’s. So, the janitors who are contracted to clean the buildings in downtown Providence were working at very low wages and very often because they were folks who went in to clean when everybody else left downtown. People didn’t really know what was going on with them. There was a lot of abusive situations in the workplace, and we knew that to make a change for them, we were going to have to make a lot of noise. And in those years, when I worked for Jobs with Justice and in partnership with SEIU and those workers, we asked people to come out and do so much stuff so many times in support, from fasting in the streets to sleeping out in front of City Hall for several days. There’s a former city councilor I now see in the back who is a big active part of that as well. That’s how I met Patricia. I was also still a nerd then. So, I was like looking, you know, I had known that I had seen this person a few times, a lot of times, right? And I was looking and realized that Patricia Raub had not missed a single call that we did in support of the janitors. I didn’t know her, I didn’t know her background, I didn’t know the kind of organizer or historian she was. I asked her to come and meet and sit with some of the workers, and once I talked to her a little bit more it was amazing. She never asked for recognition in any way. She was a remarkable human person who kind of shared in action what solidarity was like, you know, and then in 2009, when the main branch of the library was really threatening its workers, was threatening the community branches, I was so proud to stand with her as we did, you know, pickets in support of the workers, and I am 100% sure that both the strength of the main branch and the vibrancy of the community branches is because of her dedication and yours, Councilwoman, and many others. So, I just want to thank everyone for appointing her several times to the Community Library Board and wish all of our thoughts and good wishes to her family and to the Board because I know they miss her a lot. Thank you.”

**COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,  
COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):**

Resolution Approving the transfer of 200 Chad Brown Street located on Assessor's Plat 70, Lot 544 to the City of Providence, for purposes of its subsequent redevelopment.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on City Property

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 13, Seconded by  
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 13 to the Committee on City Property.**

**COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,  
COUNCILMEN GONCALVES AND VARGAS**

Resolution Requesting the Abatement of Rhode Island Business Development Institute's  
Property Taxes for Tax Year 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Finance

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 14 and Pass on a Voice  
Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Withdraws his motion and COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS  
Withdraws her second.**

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 14 and Refer to the  
Committee on Finance, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 14 to the Committee on Finance.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,  
COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON,  
COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ,  
COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Congratulating Eugenio Fernandez on his Success and Honoring his Service  
to Healthcare in Providence.

**WHEREAS**, Eugenio Fernandez, Jr., PharmD, is a proud son of Providence, a graduate  
of Classical High School, and a pharmacist practicing in the Eleventh Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, An undergraduate and graduate alumnus of the University of Rhode  
Island, Dr. Fernandez owns and operates Asthenis, an independent pharmacy prioritizing  
patient education and empowerment; and

**WHEREAS**, As profiled by the New York Times, the Boston Globe, the Providence  
Journal, National Public Radio, and the Associated Press among other outlets, Asthenis also  
functions as a community health hub, providing patients sound information, support in  
healthcare access, free immunization services, and health screenings; and

**WHEREAS**, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Fernandez partnered with the  
City alongside more than one hundred organizations to provide COVID-19 screenings and  
to administer 50,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine both in Providence and across Rhode  
Island; and

**WHEREAS**, Commensurate with his belief in systemic change that supports  
community flourishing, Dr. Fernandez also sits on a number of boards, including those of  
Crossroads Rhode Island, the State of Rhode Island Health Insurance Advisory Council, the  
Care Transformation Collaborative-Rhode Island, and Grow Smart RI; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition for his considerable and continuing achievement in public health, the Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health has conferred upon Dr. Fernandez, also an alumnus, its Public Health Innovator Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fernandez was presented with the Key to the City by former mayor Jorge Elorza in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its sincere gratitude for the work of Dr. Fernandez, his practice, and of all working diligently in the health professions across Providence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council congratulates Dr. Eugenio Fernandez, Jr. on his remarkable achievements and celebrates his holistic commitment to the wellbeing of the residents of Providence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be delivered to Dr. Eugenio Fernandez and to Asthenis Pharmacy.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 15 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Requesting Review of Curb Cuts for City-Created Accessible Street Parking.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Public Works

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES AND VARGAS**

Resolution Requesting to abate, in Part, the Tangible Taxes Assessed Upon Corner Mattress & Appliances.

**RESULT: REFERRED**  
**TO: Committee on Finance**

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 16 and 17, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 16 to the Committee on Public Works and Refers item 17 to the Committee on Finance.**

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**COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):**

Resolution Encouraging the Department of Planning and Development to apply for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Natural Resources Bureau 2026 Outdoor Recreation Grant.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 18 and Withdraw at the request of the sponsor, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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**COUNCILMEN VARGAS, GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON**

Resolution Requesting Improved Access to Overnight Parking Passes.

**RESULT: REFERRED**  
**TO: Committee on Public Works**

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 19, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 19 to the Committee on Public Works.**

**REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)**

**COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES  
COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL, Chairman**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, As Amended:**

**COUNCILMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 33, Lot 343 (22 DeSoto Street), Assessor's Plat 33, Lot 341 (24 Desoto Street), and Assessor's Plat 33, Lot 340 (26-28 Desoto Street) From R-3 To M-MU-75.

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**COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 110, Lot 409 (118 Silver Lake Avenue), from R-3 to C-3.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 32, Lot 38 (268 Carpenter Street), from R-3 to C-2

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 20 through 22 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND  
COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance", approved November 24, 2014, as amended, to change Articles 2 and 12 relating to entertainment.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 23, and Refer Back to the Committee on Ordinances, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED BACK (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

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An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, requesting to amend the Providence Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning district for the parcel located at 1 Charles Street (A.P. Plat 3, Lot 616) from R-4 to D-1-45, to allow the continued use of the property as "short-term rental" without an owner-occupancy requirement.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change certain regulations regarding cannabis establishments.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 24 and 25 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.**

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**COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS  
COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES, Chairman**

Certificates from City Assessor (No. 75Y), recommending the same be cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 26 and Pass on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN, Chairwoman**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:**

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):**

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Lisa Scott).

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 27 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.**

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**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Deny without Prejudice:**

Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated September 19, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Laws Chapter 45-50, Sections 1-31, passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Eugene McGrane** of 116 Bayard Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence Public Building Authority** for a term to expire on January 31, 2030, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. McGrane replaces Mr. McLoughlin whose term expired).

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 28 and Deny without Prejudice, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE (FINAL) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

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**FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Petition from John J. Garrahy, Esquire, John J. Garrahy Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905 on behalf of Baker Street Realty Associates, LLC, requesting to amend the Providence Zoning Ordinance to change the properties located at 703 Allens Avenue (Plat 101, Lot 0005), 35 Baker Street (Plat 101, Lot 0697) and 25 Baker Street (Plat 101, Lot 681) from an M-1 zoning district to M-MU75 zoning district.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Ordinances

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Certificates from City Assessor (No. 76Z), recommending the same be cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended.

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Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Liberty Mutual Insurance a/s/o Alexandra Lugo  
Claims Processing - Amica Scan Center a/s/o Marilyn C. Carroll  
Bao L. Lei (Resmini Law LLC)  
Salvatore Lauria  
Juan Velasquez  
Geico a/s/o James R. Tuirok, Sr.  
Wilber Associates o/b/o LM General Insurance Company  
a/s/o Teri Fitzgerald  
Jorge L. Orellana  
Neil Beranbaum  
Kimmy Pam (Brittney Wilson, Rob Levine & Associates)  
Lyon Property Management  
Kenton Warner  
Benjamin Israelite  
Tyler Laranjo  
Yordy Abreu  
Anaroly Hernandez  
Allyson Tariela

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Norma Gonzalez, Executive Director, DaVinci Center for Community Progress, 470 Charles Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, dated October 8, 2025, submitting her resignation as a member of the Providence External Review Authority Board of Directors, effective immediately.

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Communication from Brigida Capicotto, dated October 24, 2025, submitting her resignation as a member of the Downtown Design Review Committee, effective August 4, 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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Communication from Susan DeRita, Chairwoman, Providence External Review Authority, dated October 17, 2025, that in accordance with the City of Providence Ordinance Chapter 18½, Section 2, voted unanimously to recommend the re-appointment of Mr. Ferenc Karoly, Esquire, as the Executive Director of PERA for an additional 2 years and submits the same for approval by the City Council.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Finance

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Report from High Rock Westminster Street, LLC, 11 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, submitting the Annual Progress Report in accordance with Chapter 2022-59, No 372 "An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for High Rock Westminster Street, LLC, approved November 4, 2022 for a term of 30 years commencing on December 31, 2022 and terminating on December 31, 2025; the following is an Annual Progress Report for Year 2, 2024 and 3, 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 29 through 35, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 29 to the Committee on Ordinances, Refers items 30 and 31 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, Receives items 32 and 33, Refers item 34 to the Committee on Finance and Receives item 35.**

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## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

**COUNCILOR SANCHEZ** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“So, I’m sure you guys are all very aware, but I just wanted to rise to shine some attention on this very dangerous and unfortunate situation of SNAP benefits being on pause in our communities. I do want to first start off by recognizing and thanking the city administration and countless partners across the State of Rhode Island for stepping up. Big shout out to our Solicitor’s Office, which has been very involved for filing lawsuits in Federal Court to try to stop, to try to reactivate some of those benefits. You guys are all very aware. I know a lot of you have stepped up in your own communities, whether that’s with the food bank or the different church groups or different libraries and even the Mount Pleasant Library has a food pantry. There are so many opportunities, and the demand is high. The really heartbreaking part of it is when you see how many children are affected. People and our families were struggling before already with the high cost of groceries. So, this is a pause, and this disaster is a decision by our Federal Government that is having real life implications to a lot of the families in our neighborhood. I have a few families in my neighborhood that have reached out and shared very sad stories about this that they unfortunately had to pick between food on the table or rent this month. People that are living paycheck by paycheck that are already in debt with their landlords. So, my big ask is to keep doing what we can as a local legislative body. I know there’s talks of us, you know, pulling some money for local resources. So, I definitely would like to see something of that nature happen. The City of Providence has already committed \$25,000.00 dollars to the Rhode Island Food Bank to keep that pressure and that level of assistance and awareness. Obviously, you know trying to engage as much as possible with our Federal Delegation when it comes to this issue. Because this is really, really unfortunate. I think one of four of our students in our school district rely on this very important benefit, but yeah, thank you Madam President. I just wanted to take some time to elevate this very pressing concern.”

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“Thank you, Councilor Sanchez, for saying those remarks. The reason why I wanted to follow that is because I think that often times people look at the East Side as a monolith. And I do want to let everybody know across the city that there is a tremendous need out there. The number of calls that I’ve received on this issue and what we’re doing to replicate what is happening in Mount Pleasant and I know Councilwoman Graves and also Councilwoman Ryan, there have been a lot of great things that you’ve done in your respective wards. I just want to give a couple of anecdotes without sharing too much about these constituents, but you know, when this situation happened, and it’s been unfolding before our eyes. I’ve heard from so many people, and these are people in Fox Point, for example. And one of the things that I’m often very struck by is the fact that even on the East Side, you know, people are going about their day to day, and they have no clue that these people exist in their own backyard. And I think it is really, really important that we continue to elevate their stories because it’s really affecting people in our city. And one anecdote that I want to share too was, I was speaking to someone about this issue and what we’re going to do at the Fox Point Library to help set up a food pantry modeled after

what's happening at Mount Pleasant and someone was sharing a story about a young child who was basically stuffing food in their backpacks. And they asked the child what was the reason for doing that? Like there's plenty of food here. And the child responded, it's for my mom, because I don't want my mom to go hungry. And it is so heartbreaking to think about what our Federal Government is doing when people literally cannot put food on the table. It's dehumanizing, it's incredibly abhorrent and regardless of where you are in the city, whether it is the East Side or the South Side or people who think that the East Side is a monolith and everyone has means there. I just want people to remember that there are people in our community who are being impacted by the cruelty of the Federal Government and the Trump Administration. So, I want to thank this council, this body, thank our city for stepping up and protecting our people, particularly our most marginalized and vulnerable when they need it most. And I just wanted to share some of those anecdotes because, again, I think we sometimes often forget the amount of need that exists in our community and the struggle is real. So, thank you, Madam President.”

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**COUNCILOR ROIAS** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“This is not germane to SNAP. Before we conclude tonight, I just want to mention that there was a tragic death in my neighborhood. A resident of Metcalf Courts, his name was Michael DeMaula. He had passed away tragically due to what I would describe as traffic violence on Branch Avenue. He was 78 years old, and I just think this speaks to how unprepared and paralyzed we are as a city to really implement the safety infrastructure that our residents have desperately demanded of us. And we are so late to the game and, unfortunately, the cost of that is lives and it doesn't have to be this way. This is a result of indecisions made by our city, and I'm not blaming anyone in city government. As a collective, we need to get our act together. If I'm not mistaken, this is the second death in our city related to traffic violence. So, my thoughts are with Michael. I attended his funeral on Tuesday, and it was devastating. So, while I have you all in this chamber, I kind of just want to emphasize that and get your support, that we really need to make sure that our streets are safe for our pedestrians when it comes to all modes of transportation. Michael's family deserves that, and Michael deserved to live his last days in peace and safety, and it angers me that this happened. So, I just want to share that before we conclude. Thank you, Madam President.”

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**COUNCILOR PICHARDO** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“I too rise to express the extreme concern from our community as we've been calling it out that we're in the middle of a tremendous storm and hurricane, especially when it comes to relying on the Federal Government. And I wanted to raise on a couple of things. One is to commend the City of Providence through the administration of the mayor and also, Mayor Brett Smiley's administration, but also the Central Falls Administration, Maria Rivera and the attorneys that came together and put a case to ensure that the food stamps that are so important to our communities and the most vulnerable. We stood there with the mayors and others that brought

the case before the federal court and that afternoon we got the partial news, but we know that it's only been 10 months that these things are going to continue to test our endurance and also our city and our state. Families are being affected at every level. I know we stand up here just like any elected officials and concerned members of our city and our states that we want our families to be taken care of and particularly when it comes to children. I rise also because this is another example of not just only vulnerable kids, but also those of us who have family members in the military that continue to struggle. As we are going into Veterans Day, which is on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and today we're going to be having the ceremony here to remind us that we have to continue to stand together to show up, that we all know that we care. I often say we all care we're good people, but we have to care enough to show up, to show up to things that are important to send a message to our state leaders, to our federal delegation, but also to the President. I don't have to go down that road because we already know that we will continue to fight back as Councilwoman Graves was indicating, that's how we got here to the City Chamber. We have to continue to fight to ensure that our families are stable in our own homes through that affordable housing, but also, to ensure that these next five or six years are going to be very difficult for the working families, especially the working poor and we could tell our own personal stories, how we were born poor, we were on Medicaid, on food stamps. We sometimes didn't even know that we were on food stamps while we were growing up. So, those of us who are a little bit more privileged that we have a higher education and that live in a house that we have to ensure that we all show up for one another. And with that said, Madam President, I also want to extend a gratitude of acceptance for their service. I recently just joined the Lions Club of Providence, which also is the Lions Club International, which is an entity of service to those communities who are vulnerable. They raise money to ensure that no one falls through the cracks. And at this time, I would like to just call a couple of names that I saw and are here that are going to be joining us later on with our program for our veterans. We have Luis Del Rio, who served, he is one of our own. He served 37 years in the Providence Police and now he's been providing service continuously in the Lions Club. We have Mike Reyes, another fine gentleman of our city in our state. Nelson Valdivia, who I believe is going to be joining us or probably going to be joining us, who's also a former Providence Police officer led by Katherine Ritter Smith. And I also see the doctor who provides free eye care services for any child who needs them, free throughout our state. That's the Lions Club and I wanted to commend them for their service and continuing service, and I welcome you to the Providence City Council Chambers. Lastly, to all my colleagues, as every year we do at least for the past last 3 years, immediately after this, we are going to have a ceremony honoring the moment of celebrating those who serve the veterans. I often say that in our districts we have a responsibility to all. And when we see veterans who have been forgotten to a certain extent, when we see the square, when we see the opportunities that we can help them, yes, we don't ask where you are in the military, were you a veteran and so forth, we just provide the service, but we all know that we have to keep an eye out for the families and those who are most vulnerable in the City of Providence. So, I ask you to join us at the end of this program for the veteran's celebration at 7:15, Thank you."

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“Thank you, Madam President. Well, first of all, I want to extend my condolences to Councilor Roias’ constituent and also thank Councilor Pichardo for putting the Veteran celebration together. I also want to second and also support the comments already made by colleagues pertaining to the situation that we’re in today, where there are so many people that are going hungry. But I do also want to rise to recognize one of my constituents who did something which I think is just exceptional, and I read it on Facebook, and I think that that’s just wonderful and this goes to Sandra Castro, who lives on Carr Street, and I’ll read the small Facebook post. She created a food pantry on her porch in front of her house, and I see all the unique items here that are needed. It says Carr Street food pantry come and take what you need and if you’re able to donate, please leave some items. This is right in front of her house. So, it goes to show that in times of need, necessity, and critical times like this, it brings the best out of people, and I just wanted to highlight her. That is very creative, it’s very innovative, and I’m thankful to Sandra Castro. So, if she’s watching, I’m really grateful for her. Thank you, Sandra.”

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**COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“To echo everything that’s being said one of the things that I wanted to do was actually recognize an organization but also a community member in my ward who is always going above and beyond in many different ways, but this is something that, to me, is really important as we’re discussing all the things and trying to support our neighbors in the very best way that we can. You know, I think we’ve all shared or heard the stories of our community organizations like higher ground, like Smith Hill Alumni Association, and so many others are just trying to do the very best to try to give a little bit more. The organization, the Global Fund to End Childhood Hunger and Poverty, founded by Miss Marcia Ranglin Vassal was able to collect money to donate to local school food pantries and that’s something that to me is unbelievably important because we know that our students go to school and sometimes only have those meals and much to what my colleague had said, so many need to be able to go home with something because they’re looking after somebody or have a family member that doesn’t get the benefit from that. So, I just wanted to highlight this really important opportunity that is going to be presented to all these schools next week and the donation is going to many schools in our neighborhoods. Central High School, Nathaniel Green Middle School, A-Venture Academy, E-Cubed Academy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Veazie Street Elementary and Thornton Elementary. All of those schools are going to be able to receive this donation to their food pantry to be able to support our students and their families there. So, I just wanted to say a big thank you to Miss Marcia and also to that Board of Directors for really helping out and to everybody that donated. Never quite realize you’re going to need those things immediately and it’s front and center what we need to do for our communities right now. So, everybody that’s pitching in, I just wanted to say a big thank you, especially in my community who have stepped up in so many ways for all of our neighbors. I can’t thank you enough.”

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**COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“I want to give some recognition to just Ward 12 in general. At my meeting or right before my community meeting, I asked people to bring food in for the meeting, and they did, and we decided to adopt the Capitol City Food Pantry. We dropped off our first load, and we filled the van and that was just from one site. So, on Monday we are planning on doing it again. Smith Library has stepped up to the plate they always do, you know. Wall-E and Shippy have stepped in to the plate, they always do. Mike, down at the recreational center, has stepped up the plate, always does. These are groups of people, but the ones I really want to give recognition to are the ones that are going through something themselves, yet they still looked on their shelf and say, okay I got two boxes of spaghetti, let me give you this one. We always can recognize the ones that step up to the plate are the ones that can, and I always see them there, but we never recognize those quiet ones, the ones in the background that give when they don't have much to give, and I want to recognize the city as a whole because I see people reaching out, I see people trying their best to help one another and that's what I was trying to get that earlier. We have to do that. And the fact that we have enough stories going around here that we can all say about our communities is fabulous and we need to keep doing this because, unfortunately, we all know we got a whole other year of you all's precedence and who knows what other shenanigans he's going to come up with, and we just have to be diligent. But I also want you guys to be aware of other things that are falling, you know, to the way side. This is the time that PHA and all these other places want to sign those people back up, and they have to have certain documentation in order for them supposedly to stay in their apartments. So, we need to make sure that nobody gets kicked out of their apartment because they cannot be certified because they are not getting all the information that they need to get from the federal government. I don't know what we as a city can do. I have spoken to people at PHA and Carol Towner in Chad Brown. I think we all need to just reach out and speak and say look, you know what's going on. This is the time for us not to be looking for money. This is the time for us to be looking for one another. So, just keep up the good work and God bless all that have given because if it's coming from the heart, that's when it's really meaningful. Please tell everybody it doesn't have to be a lot of money. I gave \$500.00 dollars from the city, but that's from the city. I got to also give from myself. So, we need to also look at each within ourselves. Look at that man in that mirror and say what can I do and continue to do it. So, thank you all.”

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**COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“I know the situation we have with food stamps for the seniors and for everybody, but in my community, we have a celebration for Thanksgiving. I know we have another meeting, but I would like you to know, because everybody can be together and have a very good meal because that one is for the recreation on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We have Thanksgiving dinners in my area in my ward. So, if you know anything, please we can be together, and we can do something bigger than giving food away, and I want to say thank you to the city for their support and the recreation center too. That's all I can say.”

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**COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“Really quick a point of personal expression and just because I just saw him walk in. Caleb, our city archivist, did an amazing job yesterday at our 250 celebration for America’s Anniversary is not the right way to say that, but he gave us a really wonderful speech after Secretary of State, Gregg Amore, talking about the city and our history, and I just really wanted to recognize him since many of us couldn’t be there yesterday, but I saw him and he did a really fantastic job. So, thank you, Caleb.”

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## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

RESOLVED, that the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Congratulations to the following:

Bill Benell, Sr., Benell Signs, in recognition of being selected as the 2025 Columbus Day Festival Parade Grand Marshal.

John Campagnone, Jr., Caserta Pizza, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2025 Columbus Day Festival Parade Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. Civic Award.

Tony and Gina DiCicco, Tony’s Colonial, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2025 Columbus Day Festival Parade Legacy Award.

Alexa Gagosz, Boston Globe, in recognition of being the 2025 Columbus Day Federal Hill Foodie Ambassador.

Mark Imbeault, Environmental Specialist, Department of Public Works, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service to Ward 8 over the past seven years. Your commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainability, and community improvement has made a lasting impact. Through your expertise, care, and tireless efforts, you have helped make Ward 8 a cleaner, greener, and more vibrant place for all.

Carmen Yazmin Núñez, CEO, DGM Multi Services, LLC, in recognition of two years of dedicated service to the community, providing exceptional accounting services, tax preparation, immigration support, translations, notary services, and more. Your unwavering commitment to helping families become organized and grow with confidence is truly commendable. Now, with the establishment of the Foundation, your continued efforts to empower and uplift the community are deeply appreciated. Congratulations and thank you for your outstanding service.

Al Giuliano, Associate Director of Environmental, Department of Public Works, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 27 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

DGM Multi Services, LLC, in recognition of the celebration of your 2nd Anniversary of providing essential services to the Providence community, including tax and immigration preparation services, to support the success of working families.

DGM Educational & Financial Foundation, in recognition of your mission to empower Latino families with financial education, English classes, and immigration support workshops.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Program (MPECCA), Hosted by the Language Department, in recognition of the celebration being held at Mt. Pleasant High School and for your commitment and dedication to the Hispanic Community!

Yolanda García, in recognition of your exceptional dedication, support, and valuable contributions to our school community, helping to promote cultural awareness, celebrate diversity, and support our students throughout the year.

Leticia Lebrón, in recognition of your exceptional dedication, support, and valuable contributions to our school community, helping to promote cultural awareness, celebrate diversity, and support our students throughout the year.

Ana Rodríguez, in recognition of your exceptional dedication, support, and valuable contributions to our school community, helping to promote cultural awareness, celebrate diversity, and support our students throughout the year.

Vicencia Duarte, in recognition of your exceptional dedication, support, and valuable contributions to our school community, helping to promote cultural awareness, celebrate diversity, and support our students throughout the year.

Athan Hantzopoulos, in recognition of your exceptional dedication, support, and valuable contributions to our school community, helping to promote cultural awareness, celebrate diversity, and support our students throughout the year.

Heather Kolasky, in recognition of your exceptional dedication, support, and valuable contributions to our school community, helping to promote cultural awareness, celebrate diversity, and support our students throughout the year.

John Crews, in recognition of your exceptional dedication, support, and valuable contributions to our school community, helping to promote cultural awareness, celebrate diversity, and support our students throughout the year.

Donal Bautista, in recognition of your exceptional dedication, support, and valuable contributions to our school community, helping to promote cultural awareness, celebrate diversity, and support our students throughout the year.

Julio Molina, in recognition of your exceptional dedication, support, and valuable contributions to our school community, helping to promote cultural awareness, celebrate diversity, and support our students throughout the year.

Anayli Dahane Macias Rodriguez, in recognition of your collaboration and continued support in recognizing the individuals who make a meaningful difference in our school community. Thank you!

Yelisbelk Maria Salazar Montero, in recognition of your collaboration and continued support in recognizing the individuals who make a meaningful difference in our school community. Thank you!

Lisbeth Cameli Del Rosario Salas, in recognition of your collaboration and continued support in recognizing the individuals who make a meaningful difference in our school community. Thank you!

Carlos Joel Alfaro Portillo, in recognition of your collaboration and continued support in recognizing the individuals who make a meaningful difference in our school community. Thank you!

Amanda Johnson, in recognition of your collaboration and continued support in recognizing the individuals who make a meaningful difference in our school community. Thank you!

Jamal Jackson, in recognition of your collaboration and continued support in recognizing the individuals who make a meaningful difference in our school community. Thank you!

Angelica Rodriguez, in recognition of your collaboration and continued support in recognizing the individuals who make a meaningful difference in our school community. Thank you!

Ambar de Leon, in recognition of your collaboration and continued support in recognizing the individuals who make a meaningful difference in our school community. Thank you!

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Lorennny De la Cruz, in recognition of your collaboration and continued support in recognizing the individuals who make a meaningful difference in our school community. Thank you!

Elizabeth Kelleher-Dwyer, in recognition of the celebration of your 65th Birthday, wishing you all the best on this joyous occasion!

Mauel Batista Martinez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Katherine Villalona, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Altagracia Baez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Lorena Cuello, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Javier Castillo, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Roberto Marte, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Elvis Reyes, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Albert Eduardo Franco Estevez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Detective Lieutenant Ernest R. Forlini, Jr., Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 22 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Isabel M. Cumplido, in recognition of the celebration of your 100th Birthday, born on November 15, 1925!

Andrew Auslimder, in recognition of your valuable contribution to the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program, your dedication to the community and environmental stewardship has made a meaningful and lasting impact. No matter where your journey began your efforts reflect a true spirit of giving back, we extend our sincerest thanks and wish you every success as you pursue your career in Cybersecurity and beyond. Sincerely, Councilman Oscar O. Vargas

Reece Geller, in recognition of your valuable contribution to the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program, your dedication to the community and environmental stewardship has made a meaningful and lasting impact. No matter where your journey began your efforts reflect a true spirit of giving back, we extend our sincerest thanks and wish you every success as you pursue your career in Food and Beverage Management and beyond. Sincerely, Councilman Oscar O. Vargas

Thomas LaRusso, in recognition of your valuable contribution to the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program, your dedication to the community and environmental stewardship has made a meaningful and lasting impact. No matter where your journey began your efforts reflect a true spirit of giving back, we extend our sincerest thanks and wish you every success as you pursue your career in Culinary Arts and beyond. Sincerely, Councilman Oscar O. Vargas

Geoffrey Brewster, in recognition of your valuable contribution to the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program, your dedication to the community and environmental stewardship has made a meaningful and lasting impact. No matter where your journey began your efforts reflect a true spirit of giving back, we extend our sincerest thanks and wish you every success as you pursue your career in Culinary Arts and beyond. Sincerely, Councilman Oscar O. Vargas

Casey Fay-Wolfe, in recognition of your valuable contribution to the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program, your dedication to the community and environmental stewardship has made a meaningful and lasting impact. No matter where your journey began your efforts reflect a true spirit of giving back, we extend our sincerest thanks and wish you every success as you pursue your career in Cannabis Entrepreneurship and beyond. Sincerely, Councilman Oscar O. Vargas

Ines Merchan, in recognition of your years of dedicated service on the Juvenile Hearing Board. Your compassion, fairness, and commitment have made a lasting difference in the lives of countless young people, guiding them with understanding and helping them find a better path during their time of need. Your service has strengthened our community and inspired others to lead with empathy and integrity.

Colleen Caron, in recognition of your years of dedicated service on the Juvenile Hearing Board. Your compassion, fairness, and commitment have made a lasting difference in the lives of countless young people, guiding them with understanding and helping them find a better path during their time of need. Your service has strengthened our community and inspired others to lead with empathy and integrity.

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Juancito De La Rosa, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Daniel Albizu, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Alex Albizu, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Evelyn Albizu, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Henry Arnaud, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Pedro Arnaudo, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

César Cueva, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Nancy Pérez - Pérez , en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

José Pérez, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Jesús Andújar, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Eduviges Reyes, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Ariel La Genao, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Luz Caraballo, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Santi Santiago, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Lucina De La Rosa, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Pedro Pineda, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Josephine Santiago, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Rafael Toribio, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Jose Castro, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Francisco Brito, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Federica Schenk, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Nelson Erazo, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Rafaelito Power, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Wilfre Rodríguez, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Carmen Andujar, en reconocimiento de su participación en el primer "SON de Virgil" realizado en el Gateway Center en Roger Williams Park por la Fundación Ana Teresa con la cooperación del Concejo de Providence, Juan M. Pichardo, el Departamento de Parque, Arte, Cultura y Turismo.

Leadership Rhode Island, in recognition of your 45th Anniversary “For the Love of Rhode Island” Gala, celebrating forty-five years of inspiring, connecting, and empowering leaders from every corner of the state, we proudly honor Leadership Rhode Island on this momentous anniversary. Since its founding, Leadership Rhode Island has fostered civic engagement, strengthened communities, and built bridges across sectors and generations all for the love of Rhode Island. Through its programs, alumni network, and unwavering commitment to service, Leadership Rhode Island continues to shape a brighter, more united future for our state. Congratulations on forty-five years of visionary leadership, collaboration, and dedication to making Rhode Island a better place for all.

(Add)ventures, in recognition of being the recipient of Leadership Rhode Island’s Stewards of Leadership Award at the 45th Anniversary “For the Love of Rhode Island” Gala for your ongoing commitment to Leadership Rhode Island and your far- reaching impact on the community through the inspiring (add)love program. Through creativity, collaboration, and a deep sense of purpose, (add)ventures has exemplified what it means to lead with heart using your talents to uplift others, strengthen connections, and make Rhode Island a place where innovation and compassion thrive. With gratitude for your partnership, generosity, and dedication to the common good, we celebrate (add)ventures for embodying the very spirit of leadership and love that continues to move Rhode Island forward.

Joy Urgent Care, in recognition of your grand opening on October 30th. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for continued success. Your dedication to providing quality healthcare services is a valued contribution to our community.

Robert Bruce Morris, in recognition of your exemplary dedication, humility, and charitable service to others, and for being the distinguished recipient of the St. Martin de Porres Award at the St. Martin de Porres 70th Anniversary Gala.

John Barry, in recognition of your unwavering commitment to uplifting others, fostering unity, and advancing the common good, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Father Anthony Robinson Award for Excellence in Community Service, honoring your embodiment of compassion, servant leadership, and faith-driven advocacy in the spirit and legacy of Father Anthony Robinson.

Esther Price, in recognition of your selfless dedication, visionary leadership, and steadfast commitment to the well-being of senior citizens in Providence, Rhode Island, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Mrs. Ann Hill Award for Excellence in Leadership and Service.

Matilda “Tillie” Bean, in recognition of your compassionate care and devotion to treating elders with dignity and grace, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Sister Dorothy Ann Finnegan Award for Compassionate Care and Faithful Servant, honoring your example of serving with both skill and soul, and inspiring others to embrace mercy as a mission.

Shawn O’Rourke, in recognition of your compassionate care and devotion to treating elders with dignity and grace, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Sister Dorothy Ann Finnegan Award for Compassionate Care and Faithful Servant, honoring your example of serving with both skill and soul, and inspiring others to embrace mercy as a mission.

Millison Barnett, in recognition of your steadfast faith, enduring presence, and unwavering love for both God and your community, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Advisory Committee Recognition Award for Members (age 90+), honoring a lifetime of quiet leadership, humble service, and spiritual devotion, and exemplifying the spirit of “Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future”.

Jean Costa, in recognition of your steadfast faith, enduring presence, and unwavering love for both God and your community, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Advisory Committee Recognition Award for Members (age 90+), honoring a lifetime of quiet leadership, humble service, and spiritual devotion, and exemplifying the spirit of “Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future”.

Laura Crum, in recognition of your steadfast faith, enduring presence, and unwavering love for both God and your community, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Advisory Committee Recognition Award for Members (age 90+), honoring a lifetime of quiet leadership, humble service, and spiritual devotion, and exemplifying the spirit of “Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future”.

Gail Daniel, in recognition of your steadfast faith, enduring presence, and unwavering love for both God and your community, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Advisory Committee Recognition Award for Members (age 90+), honoring a lifetime of quiet leadership, humble service, and spiritual devotion, and exemplifying the spirit of “Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future”.

Harriet Davis, in recognition of your steadfast faith, enduring presence, and unwavering love for both God and your community, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Advisory Committee Recognition Award for Members (age 90+), honoring a lifetime of quiet leadership, humble service, and spiritual devotion, and exemplifying the spirit of “Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future”.

Jean Perkins, in recognition of your steadfast faith, enduring presence, and unwavering love for both God and your community, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Advisory Committee Recognition Award for Members (age 90+), honoring a lifetime of quiet leadership, humble service, and spiritual devotion, and exemplifying the spirit of “Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future”.

Barbara Thurman, in recognition of your steadfast faith, enduring presence, and unwavering love for both God and your community, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Advisory Committee Recognition Award for Members (age 90+), honoring a lifetime of quiet leadership, humble service, and spiritual devotion, and exemplifying the spirit of “Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future”.

Ethel Williams, in recognition of your steadfast faith, enduring presence, and unwavering love for both God and your community, and for being the distinguished recipient of the Advisory Committee Recognition Award for Members (age 90+), honoring a lifetime of quiet leadership, humble service, and spiritual devotion, and exemplifying the spirit of “Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future”.

Fr. Jared Costanza, Pastor, and the Members of Christ the King Church, Kingston, Rhode Island, in recognition of your selfless generosity, dedication, and acts of kindness, and for being the distinguished recipients of the St. Martin de Porres Angels Award, honoring your contributions that enrich the lives of seniors at the St. Martin de Porres Center and exemplify the spirit of compassion and service.

Daniel Padilla, in recognition of your installation as President of the Board of Directors of the New Dominican/American Association, we commend your outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to empowering the Dominican and American communities. Your vision and service exemplify the spirit of collaboration, cultural pride, and progress that strengthen our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor and best wishes for continued success in this important role.

Jose Braulio Sanchez, in recognition of your installation as Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the New Dominican/American Association, we commend your outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to empowering the Dominican and American communities. Your vision and service exemplify the spirit of collaboration, cultural pride, and progress that strengthen our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor and best wishes for continued success in this important role.

Hiram Marquez, in recognition of your installation as General Secretary of the Board of Directors of the New Dominican/American Association, we commend your outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to empowering the Dominican and American communities. Your vision and service exemplify the spirit of collaboration, cultural pride, and progress that strengthen our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor and best wishes for continued success in this important role.

Jose Elias Ramirez, in recognition of your installation as Governor of the Board of Directors of the New Dominican/American Association, we commend your outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to empowering the Dominican and American communities. Your vision and service exemplify the spirit of collaboration, cultural pride, and progress that strengthen our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor and best wishes for continued success in this important role.

Radhmes Cuevas, in recognition of your installation as Director of Finance of the Board of Directors of the New Dominican/American Association, we commend your outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to empowering the Dominican and American communities. Your vision and service exemplify the spirit of collaboration, cultural pride, and progress that strengthen our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor and best wishes for continued success in this important role.

Edith Belen Garabito, in recognition of your installation as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the New Dominican/American Association, we commend your outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to empowering the Dominican and American communities. Your vision and service exemplify the spirit of collaboration, cultural pride, and progress that strengthen our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor and best wishes for continued success in this important role.

Manuel Mármol, in recognition of your installation as Vocal 1 of the Board of Directors of the New Dominican/American Association, we commend your outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to empowering the Dominican and American communities. Your vision and service exemplify the spirit of collaboration, cultural pride, and progress that strengthen our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor and best wishes for continued success in this important role.

Alexis Valerio, in recognition of your installation as Vocal 2 of the Board of Directors of the New Dominican/American Association, we commend your outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to empowering the Dominican and American communities. Your vision and service exemplify the spirit of collaboration, cultural pride, and progress that strengthen our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor and best wishes for continued success in this important role.

Millennial RI, in recognition of your ten years of leadership, innovation, and community impact. Your unwavering commitment to connecting young professionals, strengthening civic engagement, and inspiring collaboration has enriched Providence's social and economic fabric, embodying the spirit of progress that defines our city.

Travis Escobar, in recognition of your visionary leadership and enduring commitment to community empowerment. Your work has built bridges across generations, inspired civic engagement, and strengthened our city's foundation of equity, innovation, and hope - leaving a lasting legacy that uplifts and unites Providence.

Kyla Pecchia, in recognition of your dedication to service, mentorship, and community growth. Your leadership and advocacy have empowered countless young professionals, advanced collaboration, and inspired others to create positive change - reflecting the passion, integrity, and spirit that make Providence a stronger community.

Varsity Luxury Bar and Nightclub, in recognition of your first anniversary. Your establishment has become a cornerstone of nightlife, creativity, and community in our city - fostering connection and contributing to the vibrancy that makes Providence a destination for all.

Sam Albert, Owner, Varsity Luxury Bar and Nightclub, in recognition of your entrepreneurial vision and commitment to excellence. Your leadership has created a vibrant, welcoming space that uplifts local culture, supports community connection, and strengthens Providence's reputation as a hub of entertainment and creativity.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 36 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
"IN MEMORIAM"**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere

Sympathy to the families of the following:

Ana Mercedes Martinez Diaz

David L. LaVallee, Sr.

Joan E. Miozzi

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 37 and Pass on a Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**CONVENTION**

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Honorable Patricia Raub, Robert Di Mascio, William Bill Johnson, William Glover and Jennie DiLullo at 7:21 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**



**TINA L. MASTROIANNI  
CITY CLERK**

*This meeting was live streamed and the recording is available on our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yf2RhY9Ilu4>*

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