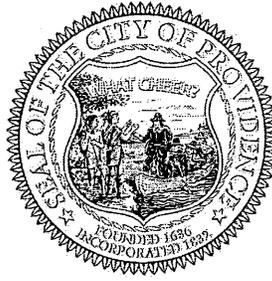


**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**



**CITY COUNCIL**

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**No. 2 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Monday, January 7, 2019, 12:00 o'clock P.M.**

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**PRESIDING**

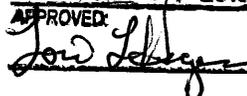
**COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT: COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN-ELECT ANTHONY,  
COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO,  
COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILWOMAN-  
ELECT KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILWOMAN-  
ELECT MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN,  
COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN-ELECT TAYLOR AND  
COUNCILMAN YURDIN – 15.**

**ALSO PRESENT: LORI L. HAGEN, CITY CLERK, TINA L. MASTROIANNI,  
FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, SECOND DEPUTY CITY  
CLERK AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR**

**IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 07 2019**

**APPROVED:**  
 **CLERK**

## ROLL CALL

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### INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **Pastor Priscilla Tineo of Iglesia Evangelica Emanuel Church.**

"Heavenly Father, Creator of the Universe, we come to You with humble hearts to ask for the grace in favor of the City Council and of Sabina Matos. Today is a very important day for our beloved City of Providence and the entire State of Rhode Island. We pray for the councilwoman and for every council person in this city. We ask You to fill them with wisdom, patience and compassion. We ask You to bless everyone in this city and give them the guidance to do what is right in Your eyes. We pray in Jesus name. Amen."

The Invocation is given by **Father Thomas More Garrett, O.P., Providence College.**

"Eternal God, as a new council begins its work welcoming familiar faces and new. may a spirit of cooperation animate its proceedings. When division begins to breath frustration, give us the ability to chart a path toward resolution. When criticism chimes from every corner, give us a sense of composure. When expectations fail to be met, let not this appointment exhaust our enthusiasm for this public duty and sacred trust. May this council's work set an example of collaboration and partnership for all those it represents, and throughout this session may this council always be mindful of the guiding hand of Providence as it seems to better this community and its people. Amen."

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN-ELECT HELEN D. ANTHONY** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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**SORAIYA MARÍÑES** Sings the National Anthem.

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## COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI

It's my pleasure to welcome you all to the 135<sup>th</sup> Term of the Providence City Council. Looking out across this room, I see many friends, family members, and colleagues who have helped each of us find our way to these seats today. On behalf of my colleagues - I want to say thank you. We understand that you, more than anyone else in our lives - have sacrificed the most for us to do our jobs.

As I stand before you I am humbled by the history that this very room holds, and the great responsibility that comes from sitting in these seats. From the men and women who came before us to serve the City that each of us love so much, we have much to learn. And they have each left an indelible mark on the rich tapestry that is the history of our great American City.

For our four new members, for those of us returning, and for those taking on leadership positions, I am reminded of a song from Hamilton - History has its eyes on you. And it does.

We are making history today. We, the legislative body of Providence are representing our electorate in a way that this city has never seen before. We are more diverse in color, in sex, orientation, and in nation of origin than we have ever been in the history of this body.

Being a part of history is never easy - what will each of us be remembered for? Did we make the right choices? Did we vote the right way? Did we do all we could for the people we serve? These are the questions that the very first Board of Alderman and Common Council Members faced in 1832, and that we still grapple with today.

As we embark on this 135<sup>th</sup> term of the Providence City Council it is wise to look forward, but we must also recognize the challenges of our past. During our last term there are many things that this body can be proud of, but there are also moments that call for reflection and required us to act to find solutions to the challenges that we faced. I'm proud to say that I believe we handled those moments with grace and we are better off for the lessons we learned in those trying moments.

During this past term we were able to hold the line on taxes; we were able to pass budgets that served the people of our City - which also helped grow our credit ratings; we were able to create a rainy day fund which no one thought was possible; we improved countless parks; we saw a building boom that added much needed revenue to our tax base and that continues today; crime went down year over year; and we did much to improve the lives of all who call Providence home - and there is more work to be done.

Yet, some of the challenges that we have faced during these previous years have left us divided, and left some of us to feel that we were on the outside. I call on each of you to leave the past where it is, and move forward with an eye on inclusion not exclusion.

As the legislative body we have an enormous responsibility to the people we serve, and we will undoubtedly face challenges again, but let us come together to find solutions and lift our City up.

As we move ahead in this new term, we will be faced with harsh realities - a looming \$1.2 Billion pension obligation, failing infrastructure, an underperforming school system, and quality of life issues that face every neighborhood across the city. But, I ask you here today, to not see these things as negatives, but to see them as opportunities.

All of us are here for one reason, to serve. And as public servants I believe each of us has heard the call that President John F. Kennedy gave on the steps of the United States Capitol that January in 1961 where he asked his fellow Americans: "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." Because - as we take our oath of office today - we are answering his call. Thank You.

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## CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*Certificates of Election from the Board of Canvassers Certifying the Election of  
the Members of the City Council for the City of Providence, for the ensuing term  
of Four Years ending on the first Monday in January, 2023.*

*Councilman Seth Yurdin (Ward 1)  
Councilwoman-Elect Helen D. Anthony (Ward 2)  
Councilwoman Nirva R. LaFortune (Ward 3)  
Councilman Nicholas J. Narducci, Jr. (Ward 4)  
Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan (Ward 5)  
Councilman Michael J. Correia (Ward 6)  
Councilman John J. Igliazzi (Ward 7)  
Councilman-Elect James E. Taylor (Ward 8)*

*Councilwoman Carmen Castillo (Ward 9)  
Councilman Luis A. Aponte (Ward 10)  
Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris (Ward 11)  
Councilwoman-Elect Katherine A. Kerwin (Ward 12)  
Councilwoman-Elect Rachel M. Miller (Ward 13)  
Councilman David A. Salvatore (Ward 14)  
Councilwoman Sabina Matos (Ward 15)*

**PRESIDING OFFICER IGLIOZZI** Receives the Several Certificates.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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## OATH OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Oath of Office of Members of the City Council Administered by the Honorable John E. Martinelli, Esquire, Judge of the Probate Court.

The Solemn Oath of Office to the Several Members and Members Elect of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island for the ensuing term of Four Years, ending on the first Monday in January, 2023, is thereupon administered by the Honorable John E. Martinelli, Esquire, Judge of the Probate Court.

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## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

**PRESIDING OFFICER IGLIOZZI** Calls for Nominations for the Office of President of the City Council for the Term 2019-2023.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS** Nominates **COUNCILWOMAN SABINA MATOS**, and this Nomination is Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**.

**PRESIDING OFFICER IGLIOZZI** Calls for further Nominations and there being none, on motion of **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **COUNCILWOMAN MATOS**.

**PRESIDING OFFICER IGLIOZZI** Calls for a Roll Call Vote:

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ELECTION/NOMINATION APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Ryan
<b>AYES:</b>	Councilman Iglizzo, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwomen Harris, Matos, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Taylor - 10.
<b>NAYES:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony, Kerwin, Councilmen Salvatore and Yurdin - 4.
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Councilwoman LaFortune - 1.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

**PRESIDING OFFICER IGLIOZZI** Thereupon declares **COUNCILWOMAN SABINA MATOS** duly Elected as President of the City Council for the ensuing term of Four Years ending on the First Monday in January 2023.

**OATH OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL  
ADMINISTERED BY JUDGE JOHN E. MARTINELLI**

The Solemn Oath of Office to **COUNCILWOMAN SABINA MATOS**, as **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**, administered by the Honorable Judge E. Martinelli, Esquire, Judge of the Probate Court.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SABINA MATOS  
IN THE CHAIR**

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS** Calls for Nominations for the Office of Pro Tempore of the City Council for the Term 2019-2023.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR** Nominates **COUNCILMAN MICHAEL J. CORREIA**, and this Nomination is Seconded by **COUNCILMAN APONTE**.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS** Calls for further Nominations and there being none, on motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN APONTE**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **COUNCILMAN MICHAEL J. CORREIA**.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS** Calls for a Roll Call Vote:

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ELECTION/NOMINATION APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Aponte
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Matos, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Taylor - 10.
<b>NAYES:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony, Kerwin, LaFortune and Councilman Salvatore - 4.
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Councilman Yurdin - 1.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

**COUNCILWOMAN MATOS** Thereupon declares **COUNCILMAN MICHAEL J. CORREIA** duly Elected as President of the City Council for the ensuing term of Four Years ending on the First Monday in January 2023.

**OATH OF OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
ADMINISTERED BY JUDGE JOHN E. MARTINELLI**

The Solemn Oath of Office to **COUNCILMAN MICHAEL J. CORREIA**, as **COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**, administered by the Honorable Judge John E. Martinelli, Esquire, Judge of the Probate Court.

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**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS POLICE  
CONSTABLES, ADMINISTERED BY DYLAN CONLEY,  
CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF LICENSES**

The following Members of the City Council present are appointed and sworn as Police Constables for the ensuing term ending on the first Monday in January, 2023 by Dylan Conley, Chairman & Secretary of the Board of Licenses.

Council President Sabina Matos (Ward 15)  
Councilwoman Helen D. Anthony (Ward 2)  
Councilman Luis A. Aponte (Ward 10)  
Councilwoman Carmen Castillo (Ward 9)  
Councilman Michael J. Correia (Ward 6)  
Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris (Ward 11)  
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Councilman James E. Taylor (Ward 8)  
Councilman Seth Yurdin (Ward 1)

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## COUNCIL PRESIDENT SABINA MATOS

Welcome, and thank you to my colleagues for electing me as your City Council President, and I am honored to have your support.

Before I begin I want to thank a few people who have helped get me here today.

My husband Patrick, my son Diego, and my daughter Annemarie - whose support and love make it possible for me to follow my dream to be a public servant.

And my parents, my siblings and my friends, my extended family who have supported me on this great adventure, I thank you.

I also would like to thank the City Council Staff and the City Clerks, thank you, thank you, thank you.

As we begin the New Year, I have spent time reflecting on what 2019 means for those of us in public service.

2019 has already been a banner year for many in government.

Just this week, the 116<sup>th</sup> US Congress convened with the most diverse group of lawmakers ever in its history, and a record number of women took their seats in the US House of Representatives.

It is also the first year that the Providence City Council will have a women-led majority.

That's not the only first for this Council.

I am the first Latina to be elected President of this body.

Councilwoman Ryan is the first woman to be appointed Majority Leader.

Councilwoman LaFortune is the first Haitian-American woman elected to office in Rhode Island. She is the first formerly undocumented person to be elected to the City Council.

Councilwoman Miller is the first member of the LGBTQ community to be elected to the Council.

And finally, Councilwoman Kerwin is one of the youngest people to ever be elected to this body.

These are important "firsts" for our city. These "firsts" help pave the way for others, and reminds us that although we have come far, there is still much work to do to make sure everyone has a seat at the table.

As Providence has grown, our communities have changed.

Our once colonial city has become home to a diverse and unique population of individuals of various nationalities, races, cultures, and orientations. And these shifts in our community have truly embodied the ideals of Roger Williams 'lively experiment.'

This body, now, more than ever before, will represent the people we were elected to serve.

The next four years are not going to be easy, but I believe that we are ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

As your Council President I promise to work with each of you to reach our shared goals and objectives for the people we serve.

I promise that we will be inclusive and thoughtful of each other, and of all those we represent.

This past term hasn't always been easy, but I believe we have handled the challenging moments with dignity and humility.

And as we move into a new term, it is my hope that we can come together to do the work of the people, for the people, and that we can leave the past squarely where it belongs.

In the past.

Today marks a new beginning, and we have the opportunity to make Providence into the city of the future.

We have the opportunity to make affordable housing not just a priority, but a reality in our Capital City.

We have the opportunity to continue to grow our tax base by encouraging and lifting up small businesses, and encouraging more economic development from our local neighborhood shops all the way to large corporations.

We have the opportunity to make Providence one of the cleanest cities in the United States.

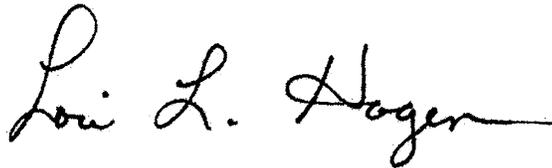
We have the opportunity to create legislation that will move Providence forward.

Don't be mistaken, there are still challenges that lie ahead. But I believe this new Council is ready to face them head on.

And today, I ask each of you to join me in facing this new term by seizing the moment and working together to make our city - to be not just the best in New England, but the best in the United States. Thank You.

**CONVENTION**

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn at 12:46 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori L. Hagen". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

**LORI L. HAGEN  
CITY CLERK**