

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 494

Approved November 22, 2017

WHEREAS, Link Environmental and the City of Pawtucket seek to move a waste transfer station to 55 Concord Street on the Providence-Pawtucket city line; and

WHEREAS, The proposed waste transfer station would be a 34,000 square foot facility with the capacity to accept 2,200 tons of waste daily; and

WHEREAS, Nearby Pawtucket residents have expressed their opposition to the waste station relocation, citing increased noise, traffic, litter, and rodent issues, as well as concerns about insufficient parking, offensive odors, and potential fire hazards associated with the waste station; and

WHEREAS, According to an article in the Valley Breeze, the reason for the relocation is to move the waste transfer to "a more industrial area," however, the proposed new location is extremely close to Providence's predominantly residential Charles and North End neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, While the Pawtucket City Planning Commission has stated that they will "do their due diligence and are always committed to hearing the public's comments," Providence residents and the City of Providence have been left out of the planning and discussions surrounding this project; and

WHEREAS, As the relocation of a waste transfer station to a site on the border with Providence will have major ramifications for the people and businesses of Providence, it is of the utmost importance that their concerns be heard, respected, and addressed as part of the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, The same problems raised by Pawtucket residents will affect the many Providence residents and businesses near the proposed new location, harming their health, reducing property values, and making it harder to do business; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council has a moral obligation to fight all forms of environmental injustice and to protect the people of Providence from projects that would change the character of their communities and diminish their quality of life.

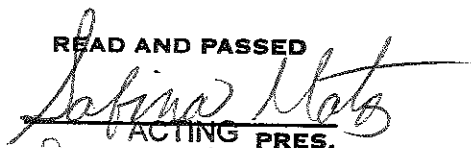
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby express its opposition to the proposed plan to move a waste transfer station to 55 Concord Street, Pawtucket, on the border with the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of the resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Mayor of Pawtucket, the President of the Pawtucket City Council, and the Chair of the Pawtucket City Planning Commission.

IN CITY COUNCIL

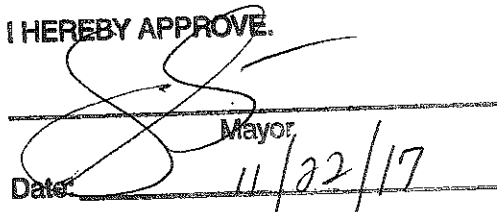
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ACTING PRES.


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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 11/22/17