



January 31, 2023

Tina L. Mastroianni  
City Clerk  
City of Providence

**RE: Appointment to Sustainability Commission – Justice Gaines (Environmental Justice Seat)**

To Whom it May Concern,

On Monday, January 30, 2023, at its monthly meeting, the City of Providence Sustainability Commission unanimously voted in favor of appointing Justice Gaines as a member of the Commission, per Ordinance 2021-17 Article VIII ½ Office of Sustainability. The Ordinance states “There shall be a Sustainability Commission consisting of eleven (11) members ... two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Racial and Environmental Justice Committee (REJC) or other local Environmental Justice organization.” Justice Gaines was nominated by the Racial and Environmental Justice Committee and is the Board Chair for Movement Ground Farm and formerly was the Queer Justice Director for Providence Youth Student Movement (PrYSM) as well as a resident of Providence (Mt. Hope, Ward 3).

Thank you,

Kevin Proft  
Interim Director of Sustainability  
City of Providence

CC:

Julian Drix, Chair of the Sustainability Commission  
Vatic Kuumba, Vice Chair of the Sustainability Commission

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

CLERK