

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 485

Approved November 16, 2009

WHEREAS, The Big East Conference is a major national collegiate athletic conference;  
and

WHEREAS, The Big East has 17 member schools, including Providence College; and

WHEREAS, Their student athletes compete at the highest level in 23 different sports,  
including 10 men's and 13 women's; and

WHEREAS, The Big East has been one of the most successful NCAA conferences, with  
10 men's basketball championships, 6 women's basketball championships, and numerous bowl  
game victories in Division 1A football; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1979, the Big East Conference has had its national  
headquarters in downtown Providence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence headquarters has 33 fulltime employees; and

WHEREAS, The commissioner of the Big East Conference, John Marinatto, is a lifetime  
Providence resident and Providence College graduate; and

WHEREAS, The Big East Conference needs to relocate because the lease at its current  
location is expiring soon; and

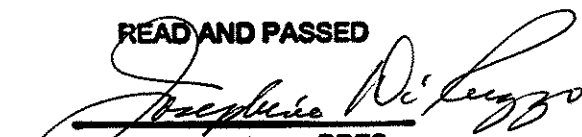
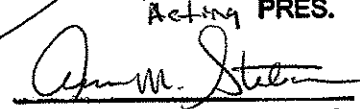
WHEREAS, Having a large and successful national organization such as the Big East  
Conference in Providence is a boon to both local economy and local prestige.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of  
Providence does hereby urge the Big East Conference to maintain its national headquarters in  
downtown Providence; and

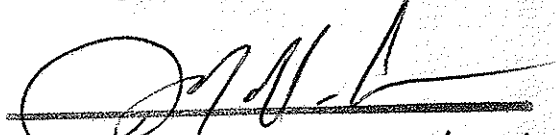
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the City of  
Providence Department of Planning and Development provide assistance to the Big East  
Conference in locating potential sites for the relocation of its headquarters in downtown  
Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL

READ AND PASSED

  
Acting PRES.  
  
CLERK

APPROVED

  
MAYOR 11/16/09