



Executive Office, City of Providence, Rhode Island

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
MAYOR

April 9, 2002

The Honorable Members
The City Council of the
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302 (b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day appointing Mr. Leonard Lopes of 343 Broadway, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, a member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2005, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Mr. Lopes will be replacing Ms. Gertude Blakey whose term has expired.

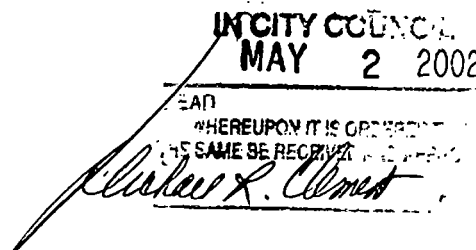
Sincerely,

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VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

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cc: Superintendent Diana Lam



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THE COMMITTEE ON

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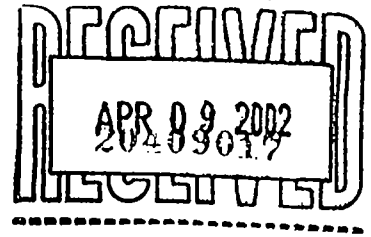
Recommends

Approved
Baron M. Staben

4-25-02

NOMINATING COMMISSION

C/O Public Education Fund
15 Westminster Street, Suite 824
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 454-1050 (O) (401) 454-1059 (F)



April 8, 2002

The Honorable Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
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Dear Mayor Cianci:

After the usual nominating process concluded this year, you requested that the Providence School Board Nominating Commission consider two candidates who had not been through the process and determine whether they were qualified for the Providence School Board. As you know, the Commission held a special public forum for the two candidates, Leonard Lopes and Makna Men, at Central High School on March 6, 2002. At the forum, each candidate made an opening statement and responded to a question posed by the League of Women Voters before the forum was halted by protests. The Commission then held interviews of the two candidates on March 27. Based on both the public forum and the interviews, the Nominating Commission has concluded that each of these candidates is qualified to be a member of the Providence School Board.

The deviation from past practice in this year's process has generated great public outcry and has caused a heated debate among many citizens about how best to attract and select School Board members. As you know, the Commission and the five nonprofit organizations that sponsor it conducted a study in 2001 of our School Board nomination process and that of other appointed School Boards around the country. We did the study to determine how to improve and strengthen our system. We were convinced then and remain convinced that the appointment of excellent people to lead the School Board is a key component of reforming our schools. And we all share the view that the process of selecting those leaders can be improved.

All members of the Nominating Commission urge you to seize the opportunity offered

by the current public passion around the School Board and the thoughtful analysis in our 2001 report. We ask that a review of the selection process be conducted and reforms to improve the process be put in place before the fall 2002 nominating process begins. We will be glad to assist in considering these important issues.

Finally, we recognize that many urgent matters face the City. However, we respectfully request that the process of selecting School Board members be made a priority. As volunteers whose energy and commitment to improving schools is as strong as ever, we will nonetheless decline to participate in this year's nominating process unless a review and reform of the process has been undertaken.

We look forward to continuing to build better education for the students of the City of Providence.

Sincerely,

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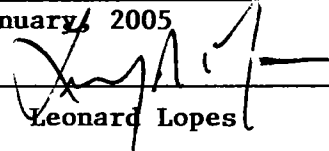


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I, Leonard Lopes, do solemnly swear that
I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island
and the Providence Home Rule Charter and that I will faithfully discharge the duties
as a member of the

Providence School Board

for a term to expire on the first
Monday in January, 2005
to the best of my ability.


Leonard Lopes

I, Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. Mayor of Providence
do hereby certify that on the 9th day of May, A.D. 20 02,
I did administer unto Leonard Lopes

duly appointed as a member of the

Providence School Board

the above subscribed oath.


VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence



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Dear Honorable Members:

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Mr. Men will be replacing Mr. Juan Lopez, Jr. whose term has expired.

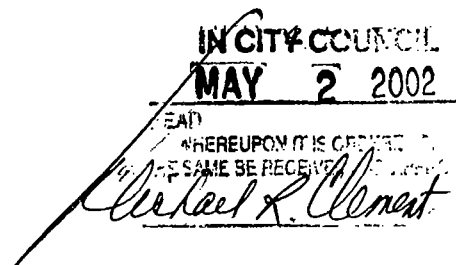
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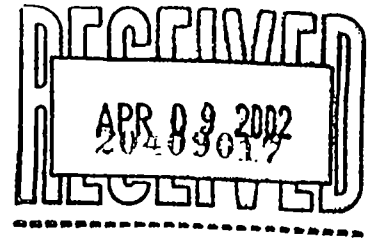
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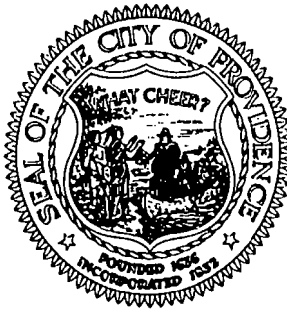
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Makna Men

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