

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 133

Approved March 24, 2006

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island State Code of Ethics contains a provision that prohibits state elected officials from accepting or seeking employment with other state agencies for a minimum of one year after they leave office; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Ethics Commission is considering expanding the provision to include municipal elected officials in the "revolving door" rule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence, recognizing the importance of limiting political influence in municipal and state agencies, does hereby pronounce its support of including all municipal elected officials in the Rhode Island Code of Ethics "revolving door" provision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that a copy of this resolution, upon approval, be forwarded to the Rhode Island Ethics Commission.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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Council President Lombardi, By Request



Mayor of Providence

David N. Cicilline

March 24, 2006

The Honorable Members
Providence City Council
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

At the Regular Meeting of the Providence City Council on March 16, 2006, a Resolution was passed pronouncing the City Council's "support of including all municipal elected officials in the Rhode Island Code of Ethics 'revolving door' provision." I believe that as Rhode Island's capital city Providence should lead by example, which is why I created the Ethics Task Force in February 2003.

The Ethics Ordinance, the product of hundreds of hours of thoughtful examination by members of the community and city and state officials, including Councilwoman Rita Williams, was first presented to the Council on January 20, 2005. Even after four hearings before the Committee on Ordinances and considerable review, the Ethics Ordinance remains in Committee. One of the key provisions of the Ethics Ordinance is a "revolving door" prohibition. While I have approved the Council's Resolution, I continue to urge the members of your honorable body to support the Ethics Ordinance.

As I have stated previously, the issues raised by the Council regarding the Ethics Ordinance are easily reconcilable, and my Administration and I are at all times willing to discuss this matter with the members of the City Council. The most significant proactive measure we can take as a city is to establish a meaningful Code of Ethics. If we are truly to lead by example, we must first demonstrate our commitment to make city government open, honest, and transparent. We should not have to wait for a state agency to mandate changes in our Code of Ethics, when we can complete this work ourselves.

Again, I urge the City Council to support this important initiative and let Providence serve as the model for ethical government in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Cicilline", is written over a horizontal line.

David N. Cicilline
Mayor

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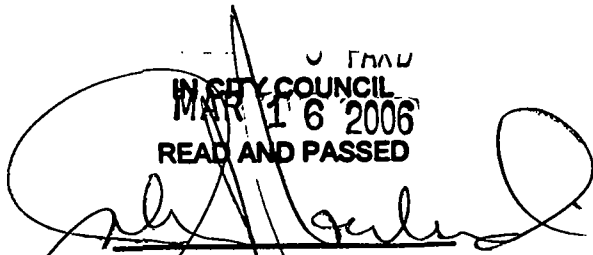

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WHEREAS, The Governor has proposed a budget for fiscal year 2006/2007 that has drastic cuts for all Human Services agencies; and

WHEREAS, People with Disabilities will be most effected by losing 40% of their daily care; and

WHEREAS, The impact of this proposed budget to those families with Disabilities and the poor will be devastating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to restore funding that will sustain the current level of services now being provided to people with Disabilities and their families.

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