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CITY COUNCIL

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No. 40 City Council Special Meeting, Thursday, June 22, 2000, 5:45 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

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PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 3 2000

APPROVED:

*Michael R. Clement* CLERK

Present: Council President Lombardi,  
Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca,  
Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Has-  
sett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Councilwomen  
Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—13.

Absent: Councilmen Clarkin and Man-  
cini—2.

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-  
WOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON leads  
the members of the City Council and the  
Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to  
the Flag of the United States of America.

## CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. LOMBARDI

Request, filed with the City Clerk June 20,  
2000, requesting a Special Meeting of the City  
Council be called on the 22nd Day of June, 2000  
at 5:45 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Clement:

June 20, 2000

Honorable Michael R. Clement  
City Clerk

In accordance with the Provisions of Section  
406 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of  
1980, I am this day calling a Special Meeting  
of the City Council to be held on Thursday, the

22nd day of June, 2000 at 5:45 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall for the purpose of acting upon the following:

Resolution Authorizing His Honor, the Mayor, to execute "The Providence Compact for Excellence in Education".

Respectfully,

JOHN J. LOMBARDI  
*City Council President*

Received.

## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the City Clerk to the City Sergeant with return certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting Called for the 22nd day of June, 2000 at 5:45 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall.

June 20, 2000

To Ralph Guglielmino, City Sergeant:

*Whereas*, Council President John J. Lombardi has, pursuant to Section 406 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, requested the City Clerk, in writing, to Call a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on the 22nd day of June, 2000, A.D., at 5:45 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) for the purpose of enacting the following:

Resolution Authorizing His Honor, the Mayor, to execute "The Providence Compact for Excellence in Education".

You are therefore, hereby commanded and required to summon each Member of the City Council to that Special Meeting, as Called.

*Hereof*, Fail Not, and make true return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under my Hand and Official Seal of the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations this 20th day of June, 2000.

MICHAEL R. CLEMENT  
*City Clerk*

June 20, 2000

I, Ralph Guglielmino, City Sergeant, do hereby certify that I have notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 22, 2000 at 5:45 o'clock p.m. in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall, Providence, in accordance with the subject warrant by delivering to each member a copy thereof.

RALPH GUGLIELMINO  
*City Sergeant*

Received.

## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

**COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:**

"It is unfortunate that I have to get up this evening to speak about programs very dear to many of our hearts. After receiving over 50 letters from some of my constituents, both students and teachers, concerning the Adult Literacy Program at the YMCA, I brought it up at the last Finance Committee meeting with the School Department. I heard the Superintendent say that she wished to put the money into the K-12 grades and hire reading specialists. I just want to say that a parent learning to read and able to help their child with their reading, writing and their math, is a wonderful thing, and that is part of what the Adult Learning Center has accomplished. The Chairwoman of the School Committee said that the School Board hadn't voted yet and that they might not vote to eliminate these programs. Today I heard that a decision was made not to apply for the funding for the summer program with over 500 students. Three thousand parents have gone through these programs. I also heard today that Head Start and other programs very dear to our hearts, also would be affected by these cuts. The Superintendent feels that in other cities the city

pays for these types of programs. Superintendent, the School Department is the city. We are one. The last time I looked at the Charter, it definitely said that the School Department was part of the city, and if the cost of these programs are moved over to the city budget, how much of a tax increase should we expect. Many of these are programs that we can't afford to let go. While we decided early on to support the Superintendent and let her do her job, some of you had some problems with the neighborhood school project, and I even urged some of you to give the School Department a chance. It couldn't be as bad as it was last year with registration. As far as I am concerned, the honeymoon is over. Why the Superintendent would make these serious decisions without at least talking to the city council, I will never know. I thought we were partners in reform and a good education for our children. I will reluctantly vote for the compact tonight, although what the state did with the residency, I am not so sure that I really want to. But I will reluctantly vote for it. I urge the Finance Committee to investigate all of the agencies that will be cut very carefully, and if necessary, put funds in a contingency account to support these important programs. Thank you."

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI

Resolution Authorizing His Honor, the Mayor, to execute "The Providence Compact for Excellence in Education".

*Now, be it Resolved*, That His Honor, the Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute "The Providence Compact for Excellence in Education".

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 6:05 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2000 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

*Michael R. Clement*

City Clerk

