

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JOHN J. LOMBARDI
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PROVIDENCE, RI 02909
Res: 273-6585
Office: 521-8400



City of Providence, Rhode Island

August 21, 2000

Honorable Michael R. Clement
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Clement:

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 24th day of August, 2000 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall for the purpose of acting upon the following:

LINE ITEMS VETO BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated August 9, 2000, Informing the City Clerk of his line items Veto on the following Ordinances:

To disapprove and Veto Section 6, in it's entirety of "An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1999-22, Approved August 5, 1999, of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Making an Appropriation of Four Hundred Forty Seven Million, Three Hundred Thirty Five Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$447,335,396) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001, as Amended", the following:

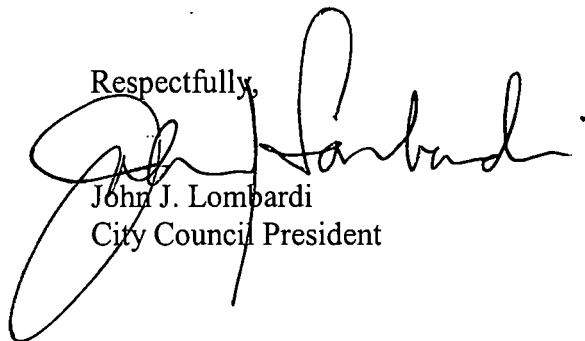
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To disapprove and Veto Sections 5 and 6, in their entirety of "An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1999-23, Approved August 5th, 1999, as Amended," the following:

Sections 5 and 6, in their entirety. Section 5 because it is substantially the same as Section 4 of the same ordinance.

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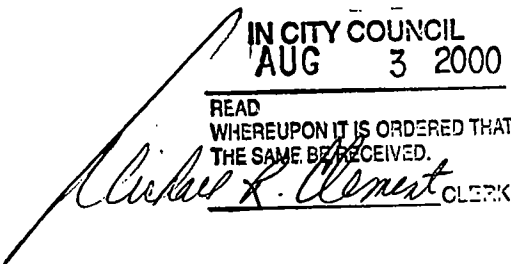
Respectfully,



John J. Lombardi
City Council President

IN CITY COUNCIL
AUG 3 2000

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.



CLERK

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.

Michael R. Clement
City Clerk



Barbara A. Poirier
First Deputy

Clerk of Council

Claire E. Bestwick
Second Deputy

**DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL**

August 21, 2000

TO THE PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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 24th day of August, 2000, A.D., at 7:30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of Enacting the following:

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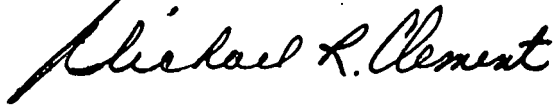
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You are therefore, hereby commanded and required to summon each Member of the City Council to that Special Meeting, as Called.

HEREOF, Fail Not, and make a true return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under my Hand and the Official Seal of the
City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, and
Providence Plantations this 21st day of August,
2000 A.D.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael R. Clement". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Michael R. Clement
City Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, Sc.

AUGUST 21, 2000

We, the Members of the Providence Police Department, do hereby certify that we have notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 24, 2000 at 7:30 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.

WLB

8/21/00

Date

IN CITY COUNCIL
AUG 3 2000

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Richard K. Clement CLERK