

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 129

Approved February 28, 1991

WHEREAS, The School Department is presently in the process of developing a desegregation plan for the City of Providence, and

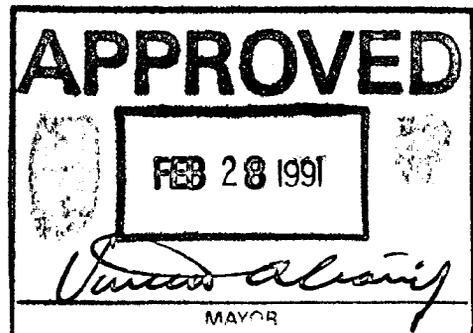
WHEREAS, This will affect the entire student population and is of grave importance to all parents as well as the students,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Dr. Robert Roberti, Superintendent of the Providence School Department, is hereby requested to undertake a survey so that parents will have significant input into the process, and that a minimum of three public hearings be held throughout the City to enable discussion and dissemination prior to the task force submitting its presentation to the School Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these public hearings should in no way delay the implementation of Phase I of the Desegregation Plan to be implemented in the 1991-1992 school calendar year.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 21 1991
READ AND PASSED

Evelyn V. Fargnoli
ACTING PRES.
Michael R. Clement
CLERK
First Deputy City



Councilman Bentler and Councilwoman Williams
Councilwoman DiRuggo Councilwoman Jones

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THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

January 17, 1991

Dr. Robert Roberti
Superintendent
Providence School Department
797 Westminister Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: Desegregation Plan - Providence School Department

Dear Dr. Roberti:

It is my understanding that the Providence School Department is in the Task Force process to develop a desegregation plan for the City of Providence that will ultimately effect our entire student population from elementary to high school.

I have been told that approximately thirty school department officials which include teachers, administrators and members of the public sector have been involved in an ongoing dialogue as to a desegregation plan which will be presented by April and instituted in September of this year. I understand the importance and urgency of this matter due to forthcoming federal mandate. I also fully understand the demand because presently the majority of our schools are not in compliance with current desegregation guidelines.

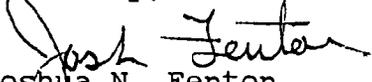
Due to the importance of this matter, I have a grave and urgent concern regarding the notification and discussion of any forthcoming plan in regard to public notification. It is my strong feeling and that of many of my constituents that the public be apprised of the content of this plan before it is approved by the School Committee.

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My suggestion is twofold, first that a survey be generated so that parents will have significant input into the process, and secondly that at least three public hearings be held throughout the city to enable discussion and dissemination of the task force's presentation.

In closing, I am quite confident, considering the importance and urgency of this plan, that a great deal of deliberation and consideration has been given regarding this matter, but I would also urge, with a great deal of concern, that this plan not be rushed in anticipation of imminent federal mandate. I would ask that you keep me apprised of any forthcoming task force deliberations and decisions in regard to this plan. Please feel free to contact me at any time concerning this matter. With best regards, I remain

Sincerely,


Joshua N. Fenton
Councilman
Ward 3

JNF/r

cc Mary Moore
35 Creighton St

Judith Steiny
38 Forest St

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 130

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WHEREAS, The Zoning Commission, the City Plan Commission, and the Department of Planning and Development have been working for some time on a revised Zoning Ordinance for the City of Providence, and

WHEREAS, This revised Zoning Ordinance will be a blueprint for the development of our City for future generations, and

WHEREAS, It is preferable to have development conform to the new Zoning Ordinance and avoid situations in which developers rush to obtain permits under the existing 1951 Zoning Ordinance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Director of the Department of Inspection and Standards is directed to place a Moratorium on the issuance of building permits for new construction or any acceptance of variances or special exceptions in the Eleventh Ward of the City of Providence pending the adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance by the City Council, or until July 1, 1991 whichever comes first, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council may grant exceptions to the Moratorium only upon a showing of undue financial hardship. Any petitions for exception shall be referred for consideration and recommendation to the City Council Committee on Ordinances.

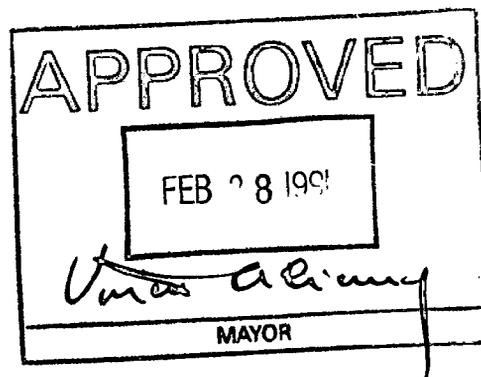
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First Deputy City CLERK



Councilwoman Young



Executive Office, City of Providence, Rhode Island

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.

MAYOR

March 1, 1991

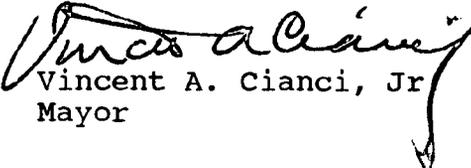
The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable City Council:

I am signing the attached City Council Resolution to join you in urging restraint by the Zoning Board of Review in the issuance of variances prior to the anticipated Council approval of the revised Zoning Ordinance.

To ensure proper attention to this Resolution, I have forwarded a copy to the Zoning Board. I have further urged the Zoning Board to work to protect the integrity of neighborhoods in the city as a whole by considering likely revisions in relevant sections of the Zoning Ordinance when deliberating variance request.

Sincerely,


Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
Mayor

cc Zoning Board of Review