

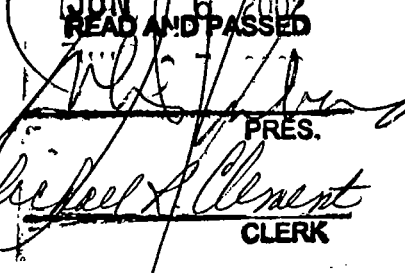
THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS


RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 357

Approved June 13, 2002

RESOLVED, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to re-name Dawson
Street to "Armenia Street".

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 6 2002
READ AND PASSED

PRES.
Michael J. Clement
CLERK

APPROVED
JUN 13 2002

MAYOR

IN CITY COUNCIL
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FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL & PLANNING

Myrtle L. Clement
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THE
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL & PLANNING
Approves For
The Within Resolution

John M. Steen
5-29-02

Council President Lombardi (By request)



Mayor of Providence
Vincent A. Cianci, Jr

November 14, 2001

Mr. Michael Clement
City Clerk
Clerk's Office
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

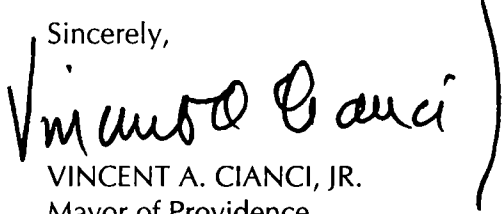
Dear Mike:

I'm pleased to join the leadership of the Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church in enthusiastically proposing that Dawson Street, that runs directly behind the Church, be renamed Armenia Street. Both the pastor of Sts. Vartanantz, Father Gomidas Baghsarian, and Christine Engustian, chair of the Church's Board of Trustees, suggest that changing the name of the street would be a suitable and wonderful action to take as part of this year's worldwide commemoration of the 1700th year since Armenia adopted Christianity as its national religion. I agree, and also find this a terrific way in which to honor Providence's dynamic Armenian community whose members, through the years, have made myriad remarkable contributions to the growth and prosperity of Providence.

I've written to Ward 13 Councilman John Lombardi and have enclosed a copy of that letter herein. I respectfully request, Mike, that you place a Resolution for the change of the name of Dawson Street to Armenia Street on the City Council docket, in a timely fashion. Sts. Vartanantz has been a beacon of community for Armenians in Providence and our region through the years, enriching our diverse city. It is, as you well know, a prominent presence in Ward 13, and the creation of Armenia Street would be immensely meaningful to our Armenian community, as a celebration of all they have done, and do, to advance the quality of life in our capital city.

Through our Archives, we have learned that Dawson Street cannot be conclusively connected with having been named in tribute to a former Providence resident. Therefore, I see no impediment to the name change. Many thanks, Mike, for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you soon in this regard. As always, my warmest wishes.

Sincerely,


VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

VAC/bbk
Enclosure



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STS. VARTANANTZ ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
402 BROADWAY, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02909-1621

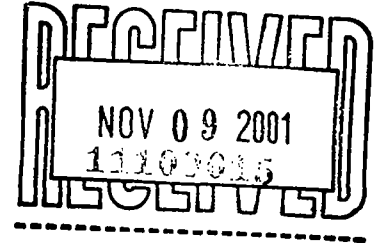
Rev. Gomidas Baghsarian, Pastor

Office: 831-6399
Fax: 351-4418

Hall: 831-1830
E-Mail: stsvarts@ids.net

November 6, 2001

The Honorable Mayor Vincent A Cianci
City of Providence
Dorrance Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903



Dear Mayor Cianci:

The year 2001 marks the world-wide commemoration of the 1700th year since the adoption of Christianity as the national religion of Armenia. Our community in Providence has discussed a number of ways we in Rhode Island could observe this anniversary and have concluded that renaming the street, currently called Dawson Street, for our homeland would be appropriate. You have always been a true friend of the Armenians in Providence, and we look to you in the hope that you will support and grant this request.

We have agreed that changing the current name to Armenia Street would rightfully recognize Armenia as the first nation to proclaim Christianity as its state religion. The patron saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, St. Gregory the Illuminator, who was responsible for making Christianity the religion of Armenia, had been imprisoned for fifteen years in Khor Virab until he was released to cure King Tiridates' illness. He eventually converted the king, was ordained in Caesarea, returned to Armenia to baptize the king and the royal family and was installed as the first Catholicos of Armenia. St. Gregory had a vision in Vagharshapat of Christ descending from heaven and striking the ground with a golden hammer. That spot is the site where the Holy See of our church, Cathedral of Etchmiadzin (meaning "the Only Begotten descended"), stands today. For us American Armenians, the street where Sts. Vartanantz Church stands symbolizes the endurance and stability of the Apostolic Church in Providence and world wide.

For this reason, we are once again requesting your assistance in establishing the name *Armenia Street* for the street, now known as Dawson Street, directly behind Sts. Vartanantz Church.

Respectfully,

Christine J. Engustian
Christine J. Engustian, Esq.
Chairperson, Board Of Trustees

Fr. Gomidas Baghsarian
Fr. Gomidas Baghsarian
Pastor

→ Council Person

Postmaster
Providence, RI 02904



UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE

December 26, 2001

Councilwoman Balbina Young
Chairwoman, Urban Redevelopment
Renewal and Planning Committee,
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance St
Providence, RI 02903-1789

Dear Councilwoman Young:

Thank you for writing to us concerning the resolution that would rename Dawson Street to "Armenia Street."

We do not foresee that the proposed address will impact service to our customers. We recommend approval of this resolution.

If this resolution were approved, we ask that the City notify all addresses on the current Dawson Street of the new street name change.

I would like to express my appreciation for your notifying the Postal Service of the proposed resolutions for the City of Providence and I hope that our input is of assistance to you and the City Council in making a decision. If it would be beneficial, we would be more than willing to sit down to discuss this or any other addressing issues with you or members of your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Sondler".

Steven M. Sondler
A/Postmaster

cc: Claire E. Bestwick, 2nd Deputy City Clerk
Joseph P Laster, Mgr. 02909
Fred Cinquegrana, Mgr. AMS

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Mayor of Providence

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.

November 14, 2001

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City Council Office
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

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With Armenia having the distinction as the first nation to proclaim Christianity as its national religion, the nation and its people embrace a rich heritage, passed on through the generations and kept alive in all countries in which Armenian people have settled. Sts. Vartanantz has been a beacon of community for Armenians in Providence and our region through the years, enriching our diverse city. It is, as you well know, a prominent presence in Ward 13, and the creation of Armenia Street would be immensely meaningful to our Armenian community, as a celebration of all they have done, and do, to advance the quality of life in our capital city.

Through our Archives, we have learned that Dawson Street cannot be conclusively connected with having been named in tribute to a former Providence resident. Therefore, I see no impediment to the name change and hope and trust that you will sponsor the Council Resolution changing the name of Dawson Street to Armenia Street. I have written to Mike Clement as well, asking the he place the Resolution on the docket. I look forward to hearing from you in this regard, John, and send along all best regards.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

VAC/bbk



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 13, 2002

TO: Irene Testa, Director
Traffic Engineering

SUBJECT: Resolution Requesting to re-name Dawson Street to
Armenia Street

CONSIDERED BY: Anna M. Stetson, Second Deputy City Clerk

DISPOSITION: I have been directed by Councilwoman Balbina A. Young, Chairwoman of the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning to refer to you the accompanying resolution for study, report and recommendation.

Please report back in writing to the above-named committee as soon as practical.

Second Request

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anna M. Stetson".
Second Deputy City Clerk



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 10, 2001

TO: Irene Testa, Director
Traffic Engineering

SUBJECT: Resolution Requesting to re-name Dawson Street to
Armenia Street

CONSIDERED BY: Claire E. Bestwick, Second Deputy City Clerk

DISPOSITION: I have been directed by Councilwoman Balbina A. Young, Chairwoman of the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning to refer to you the accompanying resolution for study, report and recommendation.

Please report back in writing to the above-named committee as soon as practical.

How,

*Please Send a 2nd Notice to
here.*

Thanks, Anna

Claire E. Bestwick

Second Deputy City Clerk

City of Providence



Rhode Island

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Claire E. Bestwick
Second Deputy City Clerk

Michael R. Clement
City Clerk

Clerk of Council



DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

Barbara A. Poirier
First Deputy

Claire E. Bestwick
Second Deputy

December 10, 2001

Leonard E. O'Leary, Postmaster
United States Post Office
1 Corliss Street
Providence, RI 02904-9998

Dear Postmaster:

I have been requested by Councilwoman Balbina A. Young, Chairwoman of the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, to forward to you the attached matter now pending before the said Committee.

It is also requested that you review the attached matter and report your findings and recommendations to the above-named Committee as soon as practical because the Committee would like to expedite this matter in an orderly fashion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Claire E. Bestwick".

Claire E. Bestwick
Second Deputy City Clerk

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A true copy.

Attest:

Michael R. Clement
City Clerk

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CLERK OF DEEDS
Barbara A. Thomas
Acting Recorder of Deeds

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BARBARA A. TRONCY
ACTING RECORDER OF DEEDS

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Office of the Mayor
City of Providence
Rhode Island
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Mr. Michael Clement
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Steven M. Sondler
A/Postmaster
1 Corliss Street
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*Give to
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Chairwoman, Urban Redevelopment
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