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May 12, 1992

Councilman David Dillon
Chairman, Committee on Finance
City Council
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Councilman Dillon,

Perhaps you are unaware that the master lease allotment to the Downtown Providence Improvement Association originated with a memorandum from the administration to the budget officer on December 20, 1991, at which time the DPIA was allocated additional funds to permit the purchase of two power sweepers and one new pickup truck.

Because of regulations governing the movement of master lease funds from one department to another as required by the Committee on Finance, a letter was sent to your attention by the administration on March 16 authorizing certain line item changes to the master lease purchase agreement for the current fiscal year. The director of administration outlined the proposed changes in which was the inclusion of the purchase of the DPIA pickup truck.

As you are aware, this purchase has been lumped together with \$24,000 to be allocated for the municipal docks and an additional sum of money (the amount of which I am not sure of) to purchase a sorter and folder for the administration.

As the Executive Director of the DPIA, I was assured that the pickup truck authorization would have been forthcoming except for the fact that it was tied in to other purchases under the master lease program. Let me assure you that the documentation that I left with the City Clerk's Office in no way indicated that this was a requirement, and the documents indicated that any or all of the items could be voted on separately.

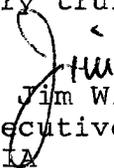
As you know, I have appeared before your committee on several occasions. In presenting our case for this purchase, I have

received favorable response. Without this unit, I again reiterate that I believe that we will be initiating unnecessary maintenance and probable damage to our new power sweepers as we are unable to transport them into the downtown area on a trailer as they should be. The multi-uses of this vehicle include debris pick up, as well as providing both winter and summer operational activities. Our 1978 pickup had to be taken out of service because of safety factors, and it has greatly restricted our operations.

The DPIA has provided the downtown and other parts of the city with the most efficient and financially responsible, cost saving, waste management and beautification program in place today. I do not believe that anyone can dispute this claim.

I ask you, therefore, to exercise your authority as chairman of this committee in the passage of the resolution to authorize the purchase of this vehicle. Thank you for your many past favors. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Very truly yours,


L. Jim Williams
Executive Director
DPIA

cc: Michael R. Mulhearn
President, DPIA
Richard A. Zigas
Executive Vice President, DPIA

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.


CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

September 14, 1992
Recommends *be Received*
Jean M. Angelson
Clerk