



Rachel M. Miller
Council President
Councilor – Ward 13

July 18th, 2025

Mrs. Tina L. Mastroianni
Providence City Clerk
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Room 311
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mrs. Mastroianni,

Please be advised that, in accordance with Chapter 2021-17, No. 238, I am hereby appointing Dawn Sumner of 368 Montgomery Avenue, Apartment 7L, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, to the Sustainability Commission, for a term to expire on April 6, 2029. Ms. Sumner is replacing Mr. Essington, who has resigned.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

JUL 24 2025

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina L. Mastroianni".
CLERK



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk
City of Providence

RE: Recommendation to Appoint Dawn Sumner to Sustainability Commission

To Ms. Mastroianni,

The Sustainability Commission recommends that the City Council appoint Dawn Sumner as a member of the Sustainability Commission. In executive session on June 16, 2025, the Commission considered multiple candidates and voted to nominate Dawn Sumner. Per Ordinance 2021-17 Article VIII ½, the City Council is responsible for appointing three members to the Sustainability Commission. Currently, one of these seats is vacant.

Dawn Sumner is a resident of the Washington Park neighborhood on the South Side of Providence. She recently participated in the NOAA Shoreline Cohort project, a group of residents who met monthly to learn about climate risk, resilience strategies, habitat restoration, and waterfront access along the Providence River. She also participates in the South Providence Environmental Justice Subcommittee, organized by the South Providence Health Equity Zone. Finally, Dawn is invested in her neighborhood and neighbors and is a vocal advocate for Washington Park.

Dawn's lived experience, practical knowledge, and strong community connections will add an important perspective to the Sustainability commission and enable the Commission to make inroads with new residents. We look forward to serving alongside her. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Julian Drix, Chair
Sustainability Commission
City of Providence