

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 419

Approved October 30, 1972

WHEREAS, the parishioners and friends of Saint Sahag and Saint Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church in the City of Providence have petitioned this Honorable Body to recommend to the Housing Authority of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, that it designate that housing facility now being erected along Smith Street, between Common Street and Windsor Street, in honor of the Armenian Citizenry of this City, and

WHEREAS, it is the prayer of these same parishioners and friends that the said housing facility, being in an area of Providence within which a great number of Americans of Armenian extraction reside and have contributed much to the cultural, social, economic, and religious life of the City of Providence and, accordingly, are most desirous of perpetuating a monument to that contribution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the accompanying petitions, the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recommend to the Housing Authority of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, that it designate that housing facility now being erected along Smith Street, between Common and Windsor Streets, as "Ararat Manor" which is symbolic of the country of Armenia and the landing site of Noah's Ark as recorded in Biblical history, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the adoption of this Resolution, the City Clerk is directed to transmit a duly engrossed copy of it to the said Housing Authority and to the Chairman of the Parish Council of Saint Sahag and Saint Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church of Providence.

APPROVED

IN CITY COUNCIL

OCT 19 1972

READ and PASSED

.....
President
Clerk

OCT 30 1972

Joseph A. Lounsbury
MAYOR

THE COMMITTEE ON

Samuel Wilson

Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

William Wilson
Chairman
Oct 12, 1972 *Chair*

October 31, 1972

Mr. David Joyce, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of Providence,
Rhode Island
679 Academy Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Dave:

Accompanying is duly certified copy of Resolution of the City Council No. 419, approved October 30, 1972, relative to the recommendation to name that housing facility, now under construction, located along Smith Street, "Ararat Manor".

I have been directed to further transmit to the Housing Authority the accompanying copies of petitions consisting of 14 pages bearing the signatures of parishioners and/or friends of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church and that prayer endorsing the proposed name.

Very sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

VV:pb

Enclosures

We, the undersigned parishioners and friends of Saint Sahag and Saint Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church, Jefferson Street, Providence, hereby petition your Honorable Body to recommend to the Housing Authority of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, that it designate that housing facility, being erected for the exclusive occupancy of elderly citizens of the City of Providence, located along Smith Street, between Common and Winsor Streets, in honor of the Armenian Citizenry of the City of Providence.

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 Mrs. A. Kalust
 Mrs. HARRY Hamarjian
 Mrs. Roger Derderian
 Mrs. ANNKA Shahinian
 Mrs. John Derderian
 Mrs. Harry Gashmanian
 Mrs. John Babouian

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 Mrs. Susie Karagjian
 Margaret Horkmanian
 Hesham Koshgarian
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Miss. Star Sarkisian
Mr. Vartan Mouradian
Mr. Shapir Jr. Sarkisian
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James H. Shapir

Robert Morgan

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Robert H. Jangian

Theodore Topalian

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Vasken Haroutunian

Guy Asadourian

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Mitchell Kachanian

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Arthur Montigny

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Frances Schlein

Henry Del Piero

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Mary Kirkwood

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Sporhy B Martin

Gerry Martin

Rayne Ward

Jane Lutz

Caroline Hunt

Angela Popewell

Carmela Tratti

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Michael Shi Carlo
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Ethel Gachonny
Stella Gachonny
Netti Mac Donald
Mary Mathias
Betty Collins
Charles Collins
Bill Hamel

Tommy Quinn

Frank Popewell

Coriella Popewell

Vincent Shi Rita

Shirley Del Angelo

Henry Del Angelo

Loretta Bonassi

Loretta Del Russo

Mary Dzygo

Joseph Dzygo

Raymond Mampel

Peter Mampel

John Mampel

Gene Mampel

Marilyn Eloff

Jayah & Earl Thatcher

Christopher Gateguin

Kathrine Russell

Gene Paolo

Eleana Luttas

Frank Bonass

Dawn Arghigian 59

Hareth Klonian

Jacklyn Glozier

Marena Ornazian

Linda Clozier

John Clozier

Loree Clozier

Khotan Vagenian

Lucey Aske Asadoorian

Marcia Markarian

Khachig Halbandian

Sofie Aravian

Nori Nashedian

Hegop Nashedian

Jack Nashedian

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Richard Denderian

Ann Denderian

Modeline Cackin

Laurie Jamigian

Paula Aronian

Aileen J. Babigian

Mary Simonian

Marian Gurgian

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M. Armine Papazian
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Krikor Zarabedian
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Aram Lerosian
Pep 454 Rapaport
Emilia Aghapian
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Bagher Sahagyan
Petro Mooradian
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Shalene Yapanian
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Nartun Dermejian
Gabriel Yapanian
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Marian Norizier
Annie Sincin
Nigoghos Markarian
Varsenig Markarian
Ralph Markarian
Monica Markarian
Mark Kabbayan
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Harry Denderian
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Victoria Palios
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Mick Kaprielian
Aram Nahigian
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Simon Kibarian
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Anthony Koshmation
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**IN CITY
COUNCIL**

SEP 21 1972

FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
.....PUBLIC WELFARE.....

James L. ...
CLERK

*Councilman Chern
and Councilman Gandy,
744 request*

Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian

PASTOR

ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOST. CHURCH

70 JEFFERSON STREET
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

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404-7712
RES. 944-3388

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Nazly Moradian
Nurse Nersisyan
Vartanovich Hagopian
Elizabeth Dulgarian

Katherine Hillabian
Armenouhi Melikian *Mr. & Mrs.*
Alice Papazian
Crene Kharjarian
Mary Sarkisian
Elizabeth Haroutunian
Sara Kazarian *Mr. & Mrs.*
Sophie Kasparian
Mary Varadian

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Richard K. Oakes
David Papay

Alice Vartanian
Parour Manoukian
Horton Ekyanians
Mary Rustigian
Vera Mooradian
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Agnes Frankian
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Brightness Jorymian
Katharine Kavafian
Helen Charlson
Ruben Charleson
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Ruezel Garabedian
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Lary Kachmanian
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Vartkes Zillessian
Mr & Mrs Albert Verachis
Mr Charles Democian
Virginia Kinnian
Surenash Atamian

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Merhan Serabian
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Selvac Tukerian
Dany Tukerian
Bobo
Ardakian
Mary Bedeian

Paul Asadoorian	Ann Bedrosian
Marderos Minasian	Rennie Rose
Joseph Chopin	Jerry Capuan
William Gus Bogaz	Cathy Cetanese
Mike Der Hagopian	Yefrem Mourachian
Arlene Der Hagopian	Kurken Kolumian
Annette Metcalfe	Rose Masovian
Richard Garian	George Masovian
Alice Garian	John Jannelli
Ed Garabedian	Joseph Cooney
Michael Bilalyan	Alice Jannelli
Anahid Boyajian	Onny Bjorkin
Margaret Boyajian	Sally Keren
Sylvia Derodrian	Susan Vartakedian
Sofie Garabedian	Mrs. A. Sektegis
Dorothy Garabedian	Mrs. G. Waipack
Arshak's Lhovanian	Charlene S. Surabian
Grand Avelaer	Prof. Jan John
Zobel Kobosian	Sarkis Bedrosian
Rege Jozian	Donna Akabedian
Sonya Gregian	Mr. & Mrs. John Akabedian
Berbara Berberian	Grace Kipker
Arax Dinkjian	Sarkis Bedrosian
	Sarkis Demoozhayan
	Beij Kassakian
	Nagor Kassakian

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Stane Najarian

Miller Babonian

Zorobek Amorian

Jarlan J. Muradian

Revok Revokian

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Mrs. Nephos Kalyan

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Mrs. Merry Vortor

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Bedrosian

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Paulino

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Pat Azarian

Richard Azarian

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Ken. Minasian

**IN CITY
COUNCIL**

SEP 21 1972

FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WELFARE

Committee Clerk
CLERK

*Councilman Allen
and Councilman Crowley, by request*

PROVIDENCE
JUL 18 1973

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Anne Kalashian

Pauline Arvedisian

Marianne Hirsigian

Gary Kolobian

Harry G. G.

Robert M. M.

+ Ogida Kasahian
Elizabeth Kosloian
Joyale Bedkoston
Charles Gashedian
Irene Garahedian
Mrs Rose Chammalian
Miss Melanie Mourachian
Mr. Levon Minelian
Mrs. Ara M. Lefian

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Ann Quedisian
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Janus Chakorian
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+ Cynthia Chakian
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Ovan Arakelian
Charles Lutfian
Sally Calu
Alexand. Abajian
Arlene Abajian
Mary Khosrofiar
Grace Ouloussian
Marguerite Guép
Lejra Yazidjian
Levon Messerlian
Alan Boyosian
Nishan H. Bizdi'kia
Mary Derkerian
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Archie Justian
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Henry Vagarian
Wynne Vahagian
Bette Bolodian
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Almas Eganian
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Mrs. Young Noun
Mrs. Agnes Yeghian
Mr & Mrs. Aram Najarian
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jamgachian
Mr & Mrs. Peter Langasian
MR. & MRS. Mesrobian

Arabel Pjojian
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 Dolly Harrison Zorabedian
 Gladys Harrison Peterson
 Mr. Richard Ouloussian
 Elizabeth Kacherian
 Nathalie Yaghobian
 Rita Yaghobian
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 Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Oakesian
 Malcolm Serakian
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 Onnis Boyakian
 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Dejakian
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 Mr. & Mrs. John Egan
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**IN CITY
COUNCIL**

SEP 21 1972

FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
....PUBLIC WELFARE.....

W. M. H. H. H.
CLERK

*Committee Chair
and Committee Clerk, by request*

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I was asked to write a letter to be sent to Mr. Vespia. Perhaps you would like to read this "rough draft" and present your suggestions at our meeting Tuesday night.

Ann Kanarian

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Vespia:

We were notified through Mr. Russell Boyle that the City Council is anxious to receive suggestions to name the new home for the elderly on Smith Street.

As you are well aware, this area has always been deeply populated by Armenians who first settled in this State. They were always anxious to live near their church, the second largest Armenian church in the United States.

After discussing the possibilities of names which are most important in Armenian history, the Parish Council of this Church has the following two suggestions:

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In 1973, St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church will celebrate its Sixtieth Anniversary. What a wonderful event it would be if an announcement could be made to our many parishioners that the home for the elderly on Smith Street carries a historic Armenian name. This would be a great tribute to the many hard working, devoted Americans of Armenian extraction.

We greatly appreciate your efforts in helping us to realize this great honor.

Most sincerely,

Terrance S. Martiesian
Chairman, Parish Council

cc: Mr. Russell Boyle

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Name

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church

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70 JEFFERSON STREET
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REV. FR. HAIK DONIKIAN
PASTOR

September 14, 1972

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City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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September 14, 1972

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Most sincerely,

Terrance S. Martiesian

Terrance S. Martiesian
Chairman, Parish Council

September 18, 1972

Mr. Terrance S. Martiesian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church
70 Jefferson Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Martiesian:

I have your correspondence dated September 14, 1972, relative to the request for receipt of suggestions to name the new home for the elderly, now under construction, located along Smith Street. I refer you to my correspondence addressed to you dated September 11, 1972, which did respond to the instant letter.

I have been informed by John Nighosian that a petition is presently being circulated amongst the parishioners of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church and will be filed with me for consideration by the City Council of the City of Providence.

Upon receipt of the subject petition and the processing thereof, I shall keep you informed of its progress.

Very sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

VV/pb

October 17, 1972

Mr. Terrance S. Martiesian, Chairman
Parish Council
St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church
70 Jefferson Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Martiesian:

I address you to the accompanying Docket of the City Council for its October 19 Meeting, specifically Item No. 34, which is self-explanatory.

I have been directed by Councilmen Francis Crowley and Timothy J. Ahern to inform you of the subject matter which is recommended for adoption by the Committee on Public Welfare, to which the subject petitions were referred.

Assuming that the City Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee and the Resolution is adopted by it, the same will be transmitted to the Mayor for his consideration; and upon approval, if this be the case, by the Mayor, a copy will be transmitted to the Housing Authority and to yourself.

If there is any question concerning the matter, please feel free to communicate with me in City Hall.

Sincerely,

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

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November 3, 1972

Mr. Vincent Vespia
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Dear Terry:

I submit to you the enclosure, being a photocopy of correspondence received this day from the Housing Authority.

The contents thereof are, of course, self-explanatory.

Very sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

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Enclosure

September 11, 1972

Mr. Terrance S. Martiesian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church
70 Jefferson Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Martiesian:

Mr. John T. Nighosian, a friend of long standing, has submitted to me a copy of a letter addressed to me which, as of this date, I have not received.

Relative to the suggestion that the housing facility now being erected for the exclusive occupancy of elderly citizens, located along Smith Street, being named in honor of the Armenian Citizenry of the City of Providence, immediately following the public announcement that such a facility was proposed for the Smith Hill area, Mr. Nighosian communicated with me and advanced the suggestion that since this housing unit was in the midst of the Armenian population and within the shadows of their Church, it would be most fitting and proper that it be named symbolically with the Armenian Citizenry.

Accordingly, since you were notified that the City Council is anxious to receive suggestions to name the subject facility, I suggest that a petition be filed indicating the interest of the parishioners in recommending one of the two names suggested in the correspondence above noted.

As if and when such a petition is filed with me as Clerk of the Council, I shall bring it to the attention of the two members of the City Council; namely, Councilman Timothy J. Ahern and Councilman Francis Crowley who would, undoubtedly, sponsor the same into the City Council for its consideration.

Please be assured that to the extent of my official capacity, I shall assist in your request of me.

Very sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

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