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The Honorable David D. Dillon
Chairman, Committee on Finance
City Council Office
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

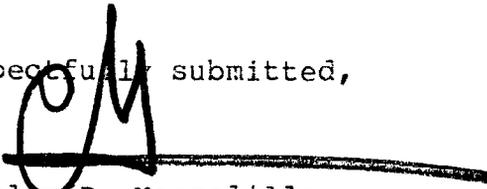
Dear Councilman Dillon:

I am writing in response to your request for any opinion as to whether or not the petition submitted by V. Virgilio et al, to the City Council on June 18, 1992 pursuant to Section 209 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 ("Virgilio 209 petition"), meets the Charter mandates for consideration of said petition by the City Council.

Section 209 of the Charter provides that the qualified electors shall have the power to petition the City Council to enact ordinances, except in certain instances. Among these excepted instances are ordinances which concern salaries or benefits of city officials or employees.

The Virgilio 209 petition clearly concerns itself with the benefits of city employees, namely, retirement benefits. Consequently, the petition fails to meet the charter requirements for commencing the petition consideration process, and the City Council is not required to consider the proposed ordinance advocated by the petitioners or to submit said ordinance to a plebiscite.

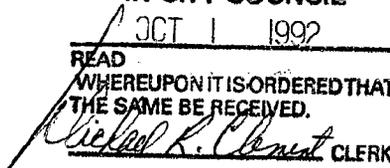
Respectfully submitted,


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IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.


CLERK

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THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

September 14, 1992
Recommends *be resumed*

Jean M. Arystone
Clerk