

JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.

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Honorable Jorge Elorza
Mayor, City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Honorable Sabina Matos
Acting President, Providence City Council
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Greater Kennedy Plaza

Dear Mayor Elorza and Acting President Matos:

Over the past two years, we have discussed different ways to enhance the public space located in Greater Kennedy Plaza (including Burnside Park and the bus terminal). In some discussions, we noted the success of the public/private partnership that manages Bryant Park in New York City. I believe the Bryant Park model can be adapted to enhance and improve this vital part of our City's downtown. I am particularly encouraged by the vision of the Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy, which under Cliff Wood's leadership has a strong record of accomplishment and a wealth of knowledge and experience.

With that in mind, I write to offer my support to work with you, as leaders of our City, to bring to Greater Kennedy Plaza a bright new future using the public/private partnership of Bryant Park as a model. I look forward to working with Cliff and my fellow business owners in the coming months, first to develop some ideas and then to gain a base of support in the business community to make this happen.

I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with you on this project, and I will be glad to meet with you at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., Chairman
Providence Downtown Improvement District

cc: Cliff Wood
Providence City Council Members