

## Committee Petitions

Thank you for agreeing to sign petitions to require City Council hearings on pending legislation. There are 10 petitions enclosed.

The first two pages in this packet are an explanation of the petitions, and the petitions follow in the same order they are described.

Please sign each one, as they represent different pieces of legislation, each of which must be addressed by a separate petition. If you prefer to sign some but not others, please sign only the ones you support. If you have any questions, please send me an email at [samforcouncil@verizon.net](mailto:samforcouncil@verizon.net) If you have time to ask your friends to sign as well, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Once you have a set that is ready, please drop them off at my house (330 Grotto Avenue) and send an email confirming. If you would like for me to pick them up, please send me an email to arrange that.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samuel D. Junior". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light blue rectangular box.

1. An Ordinance Amending Section 17-33 of the Code of Ordinances (Code of Ethics). (In City Council 6-2-16, Councilman Zurier, Councilmen Salvatore and Yurdin)

Explanation: Under the current Code of Ethics, City employees who are indicated are suspended with pay pending the outcome of their investigation. The proposed legislation would hold City Council members to a similar standard, requiring them to step down from all committee assignments once they are indicted.

2. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Health and Sanitation," Article III, "Garbage, Trash and Refuse", Section 12-89, Disposal of Leaf and Yard Debris. (In City Council on 11-5-15, Councilman Zurier)

Explanation: This Ordinance regulates the use of gasoline power leaf blowers, limiting their use to one per 10,000 sq. foot yard at a time

3. Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Fields Point Liquefaction Facility.. (In City Council 9-1-16, Councilman Yurdin and Council Members Castillo, Hassett, Jennings, Ryan, Salvatore, Zurier)

Explanation: Expresses concerns about Fields Point LNG facility, requiring extensive vetting and review.

4. An Ordinance Amending Section 21-26 of the Code of Ordinances - Necessity of Appropriation for Contract, Purchase. (In City Council 11-19-15, Councilman Zurier and Councilman Yurdin)

Explanation: Permits the School Department to approve contracts of \$25,000 or less without additional approval by the City Council. Currently, the School Board adequately vets those contracts, and City Council review impedes education programming.

5. An Ordinance Establishing the 2016 Property Tax Predictability Act. (In City Council 3-17-16, Councilman Salvatore, Councilman Zurier and Councilman Yurdin)

Explanation: Establishes a template for tax stabilization agreements for medium-to-large projects without further City Council review, which tends to delay and impede development.

6. Resolution to Post Ethics Disclosure Statements (In City Council 6-2-16, Councilman Zurier, Councilmen Salvatore and Yurdin)

Explanation: Would require the City Council to post on its website the RI Ethics Commission disclosure statements filed by City Council members and the Mayor. Right now the Ethics Commission does not post them online. (I post my own statements on my website.)

7. Resolution to Post Campaign Finance Reports (In City Council 6-2-16, Councilman Zurier, Councilmen Salvatore and Yurdin)

Explanation: This would require the City Council to post on its website recent campaign finance disclosure statements filed by City Council members, also allowing citizens to see who has not posted these statements.

8. An Ordinance Amending Sections 2-264 through 2-272 of the Code of Ordinances “Lobbyist Registration Ordinance.” (In City Council 2-4-16, Councilman Zurier)

Explanation: This Ordinance would close a loophole through which the City’s largest and most powerful lobbying organization (the Providence Apartment Association) avoids the registration requirement.

9. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, “Officers and Employees,” Article VI, “Retirement System.” (In City Council 9-3-15, Councilman Salvatore and Councilman Zurier)

Explanation: This Ordinance would end the practice of “pension spiking” by which former City Council members who then take a City job can “spike” their pensions by counting their City Council terms as “years of service” for calculating the amount of their pension (off their new higher base rate of pay).

10. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17-33 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (LEGAL DEFENSE FUND REPORTING). (In City Council 6-2-16, Councilmen Zurier, Salvatore and Yurdin)

Explanation: This Ordinance would require sitting Council members who establish a criminal defense fund to pay their legal expenses to submit regular reports disclosing the amounts contributed and the identity of the donors.





















