

COUNCILMAN
SAMUEL D. ZURIER
55 DORRANCE STREET, SUITE 400
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
EMAIL: sdz@om-rilaw.com
Office: (401) 861-2900 ext. 105



COMMITTEES

Finance
Vice Chair

Ordinance

Education Sub-Committee
Chairman

City of Providence, Rhode Island

June 6, 2012

DELIVERED BY HAND

The Honorable Angel Taveras
Mayor, City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mayor Taveras:

Over the past week, there have been four armed robberies on the East Side of Providence. In a neighborhood in which people take their safety for granted, citizens have been held up at gunpoint while taking out their garbage, or entering their driveway. I have received panicked calls and emails from constituents, for whom this is a new and frightening experience.

I have spoken with Lieutenant Ryan, who has informed me that the Police Department is treating this matter with the urgency it deserves, assigning extra resources with the highest priority after accounting for the ongoing investigations of recent homicides. From the standpoint of my constituents, who traditionally do not command excessive resources from the Police Department on a routine basis, the gravity of this crisis is only magnified by their unfamiliarity with this type of danger.

I am grateful for the work you do for the City as a whole, and I know you have many other items on your plate, but if you can take any other action to address this urgent concern of my constituents, it would be a great service to the City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam D. Zurier".

COUNCILMAN
SAMUEL D. ZURIER
55 DORRANCE STREET, SUITE 400
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
EMAIL: sdz@om-rilaw.com
Office: (401) 861-2900 ext. 105



COMMITTEES

Finance
Vice Chair

Ordinance

Education Sub-Committee
Chairman

City of Providence, Rhode Island

June 6, 2012

VIA FACSIMILE (243-6464)

Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr.
Chief, Providence Police Department
325 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chief Clements:

Over the past week, there have been four armed robberies on the East Side of Providence. In a neighborhood in which people take their safety for granted, citizens have been held up at gunpoint while taking out their garbage, or entering their driveway. I have received panicked calls and emails from constituents, for whom this is a new and frightening experience.

I have spoken with Lieutenant Ryan, who has informed me that the Police Department is treating this matter with the urgency it deserves, assigning extra resources with the highest priority after accounting for the ongoing investigations of recent homicides. From the standpoint of my constituents, who traditionally do not command excessive resources from the Police Department on a routine basis, the gravity of this crisis is only magnified by their unfamiliarity with this type of danger.

I am aware that the Police Department has many claims on its resources, and that public safety is a City-wide concern. With that said, I would ask your assistance in assuring that every possible effort be made to solve these crimes as soon as possible, as the current conditions are devastating this community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel D. Zurier", written in a cursive style.