



EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, CITY OF PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

DYLAN M. ZELAZO

November 16, 2022

To the Honorable Members
Of the Pawtucket City Council
137 Roosevelt Ave.
Pawtucket, RI 02860

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Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

While we understand the City Council has the right to confirm the appointments, I am writing in great disappointment with the attempt of Councilor Clovis Gregor to not reappoint two individuals who have yet to serve even a full term to the Board of Parks Commissioners on the basis that they have been there for many years. All of our board and commission members devote their time to the betterment of our community and they should not be punished for political reasons.

The City always welcomes residents who are looking to get involved, and you are always more than welcome to provide names and resumes of anyone who you believe would be a great fit for a board or commission. Furthermore, the City goes out and proactively seeks residents with interest and availability who wish to serve. Pawtucket residents at least 18 years of age interested in applying can send a letter indicating which board or commission they would like to serve with their general availability and resume to the Mayor's Office. We take an inclusive approach through press releases, social media, the website, and newsletter on an ongoing basis. Also, groups throughout the city and state are also contacted for recommendations.

We all understand that serving on a board or commission is a great way for residents to get involved while offering their perspectives, backgrounds, and expertise. Specifically speaking on behalf of the two individuals, Daniel J. Imbrascio and Mary Healey, that were declined a reappointment by the City Council, the Administration is disappointed that a decision was made based on nonfactual information stated by City Councilor Clovis Gregor. In contrast to the Councilor's remarks about the two members serving a number of years, Daniel J. Imbrascio was appointed last October, and Mary Healey was appointed in February. Neither member has served a full term. This sort of punishment of two great community servants due to a topic which has been discussed at length over a number of years and has been approved by the City Council on a number of occasions is not justified.

The office is always open to input, and we look forward to getting your recommendation for potential candidates for all of our boards and commissions going forward. In the meantime, we ask that the Council please reconsider and confirm Daniel J. Imbrascio and Mary Healey to be

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reappointed to the Board of Parks Commissioners so that they can continue their great work and service to our community.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dylan M. Zelazo", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Dylan M. Zelazo
Director of Administration

Cc: Honorable Mayor Donald R. Grebien
Frank J. Milos, Jr., Esq., City Solicitor
Daniel J. Imbracsio
Mary Healey