GOVERNMENT, 11 State and City Entities

State Officials & 4 State Entities
Former Governors Raimundo, Carcieri and Lincoln Chafee, former Atty. Gen. Lynch, and former Lt. Gov. Fogarty have expressed their support for burial, 2003-2021
Attorney General Neronha petitioned the RI Supreme Ct. to remand the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) order to relocate the lines above ground because it failed to make findings of fact required by state law. 3/21

RI General Assembly
Senate President Ruggerio, Sens. Goldin, and Goodwin, Co-sponsored Sen. Bill No. 2164 to establish “enforceable schedule” for burial; held for study by Commerce Com, 2016
Former Senators Conley, DaPonte, Perry, and York.
Reps.: Majority Leader Blazajewski and Rep. Ajello
Former Reps. Regunberg, Moura, Dennigan, Coogan, Savage, and Rose
House Resolution H7378, asked PUC & utility “to favorably consider” burial, 2/5/04

DEM Advisory Opinion, Ron Gagnon, 2004
Statewide Planning Advisory Opinion, John O’Brien, 2004
1-195 Redevelopment District Commission Resolution, 2013

Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza: City Officials and 4 City Entities
Petitioned RI Supreme Ct. to remand Energy Facility Siting Board’s (EFSB) order to relocate lines overhead & instruct EFSB to make required findings re burial’s feasibility, 8/18
Former Providence Mayors Cicilline and Taveras publicly supported burial.
Prov. City Council Resolutions, 1/03, 1/04, 5/04, 10/04, and 8/14
Former Councilmen David Segal and Majority Leader Seth Yurdin
Prov. Dept. of Planning and Development letter by Director Sam Shamoon, 1/03
Prov. City Plan Commission Advisory Opinion, Vice-Chair Harrison Bilodeau, 1/04
Prov. Parks Department letter, N.Derrig, 4/03, Superintendent Wendy Nilsson, 8/16
Grant application by Bob McMahon, 2003

East Providence: City Officials and 3 City Entities
Acting City Manager, William Conley, 7/03
East Prov. City Council Resolutions, 1/04, 10/04, and 8/08
East Prov. Planning Board letter, Former Acting Chair Michael Robinson, 1/04
East Prov. Waterfront District Commission letter, Vice-Chair William Fazioli, 10/13

BUSINESS, 17
Organizations, 8
Downtown Merchants Association, Josh Miller, 2003
Greater Providence Board of Realtors, 2018
Providence Apartment Association, Keith Fernandez, 2018
Providence Foundation, Cliff Wood, 2017, 2021
Providence Tourism Council, George Donnelly, 2003
Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau, M. Sheridan, 2016-17; K. Adamo, 2021
South Main St. Improvement Association, Jim Hahn, 2003
Wickenden Area Merchants Association, Vincent Scorziello, 2014, 2016, 2018
BUSINESS (Cont’d)

Businesses, 9
- Cornish Associates, Buff Chace, 2013, 2016, 2018
- Churchill & Banks, Richard Baccari II, 2012
- Doyle Realty, Kerrie Doyle, 2013, 2018
- Eat Drink RI, David Dadekian, 2016
- Narragansett Brewery, Mark Hellendrung, 2021
- Procaccianti Companies, P. Ziegler, 2016; M. Voccola, 2018; W. Walker, 2021
- Residential Properties, Sally Lapides, 2016, 2017, 2021
- Rhode Island Seafood Festival, TJ McNulty, 2013, 2016, 2018
- Tockwotton Home, Kevin McCay, 2013

LABOR, 3
- IBEW Local 99, Joe Walsh, 2018
- Unite Here Local 26, Jenna Karlin, 2018

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS and PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, 5
- Joint letters from Presidents of Brown, RISD, and Johnson & Wales:
  - Ruth Simmons, Roger Mandle, and John Bowen, 2003
  - Ruth Simmons, Roger Mandle, and Irving Schneider, 2007
  - Christina Paxson, John Maeda, and John Bowen, 2013
- Individual letters from Presidents Simmons Mandle, and Bowen, 2003
- American Institute of Architects, RI Chapter, Martha Werenfels, 2002
- American Society of Landscape Architects, RI Chapter, C. Carberry 2003; M. Bagga, 2018

ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, 18
- Blackstone Park Conservancy, Jane Peterson, 2018
- Building Bridges Providence, Olin Thompson, 2017
- Conservation Law Foundation, Jennifer Cole Steele, 2003; Jerry Elmer, 2016
- DOT Watch, Bob Votava, 2003
- Downtown Parks Conservancy, Cliff Wood, 2017
- Dunn Foundation (formerly Scenic RI), Richard Youngken, 2003
- East Coast Greenway, Molly Henry, 2016; Dennis Markatos-Soriano, 2018
- Friends of India Point Park, David Riley, 2003-2021
- Greenways Alliance of RI, Richard Santopietro, 2003
- Groundwork Providence, Laura Archambault, 2003
- Preserve RI, Janet Zwolinski, 2003; Valerie Talmage, 2017
- Providence Preservation Society, Arria Bilodeau, 2013; Brent Runyon, 2016, 2017, 2018
- RI Bicycle Coalition, Ale Kroghe-Grabbe Ellis, 2016; Sarah Mitchell, 2018
- RI Rivers Council, Veronica Berounsky, 2018
- RI Tree Council, Fred Stolle, 2003
- Save the Bay, Topher Hamblett, 2003; Jonathan Stone, 2011, 2016, 2021
- Sierra Club, RI Chapter, Barry Schiller, 2000
- Southside Community Land Trust, Jane Jellison, 2003
NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, 15
Cape Verdean Subcom. of RI Historic Preservation & Heritage Com, Mercedes Montiero, 2003
College Hill Neighborhood Assn., Thomas Goddard, 2003
Community Boating Center, Peter Gengler, 2003; John O’Flaherty, 2018
Corliss Landing Condo Assn., Judi Braman, 2003; Sam Gavish, 2017
Downtown Neighborhood Assn., Richard Pezillo, 2018
Fox Point Boys and Girls Club, Robert Britto, 2003
Fox Point Neighborhood Assn, John Roney, 2003; Marguerite Schnepel, 2013, 2016, 2018
Original India Point Park Committee, Bob Schacht, Peggy Sharpe, 2003; Peggy Sharpe, 2016
Jewelry District Assn., Michael Hogue, 2003; Arthur Salisbury, 2016; Sharon Steele, 2017
Narragansett Boat Club, Rick Richards, 2018
RI Philharmonic Orchestra & Music School, David Beauchesne, 2018
Summit Neighborhood Assn., Constance Chesebrough, 2003; Ethan Gyles, 2017
Vartan Gregorian School, Anthony DeAngelis, 2003
WBRU radio station, Michael Hong, 2003
West Broadway Neighborhood Assn., Kari Lang, 2003, 2017

MEDIA: Providence Journal
Editorials, 7:
“Try to bury the lines,” 4/1/03   “Bury the lines,” 10/30/13
“The power-lines issue,” 12/9/03   “Power-line sticker shock,” 11/20/14
“Bury the power lines,” 6/12/08   “Bury the lines,” 6/28/15
“Power-line burial buried?” 7/25/10

Op-eds, 5:
“Bury the high-voltage lines” by David Riley, 3/21/03
“Let’s bury waterfront power lines” by Patrick Lynch, 11/24/14
“Burying power lines key to RI renaissance” by State Sen. Gayle Goldin,
State Rep. Chris Blazejewski, and City Councilman Seth Yurdin, 3/9/15
“Bury lines to boost waterfront” by Michael Sabitoni and Sally Lapides, 6/16/15
“An idea to beautify Providence waterfront” by Peggy & Henry Sharpe Jr., 9/6/16

Letters to the Editor:
“Artists say: Bury the power lines,” 3/23/04. Letter endorsed by 50 RI practitioners of
fine arts, ceramics, sculpture, architecture theater arts, and music.
Multiple letters by other individuals urge burial: 2003-16

PETITION to bury the power lines signed by 2,100 people, 2013-16
Half the signers are people from Providence and East Providence. The other half includes
people from all 39 RI cities and towns. Four hundred petition signers commented on why they
support burial. Here are three recurring reasons and a sample comment:
• Boost tourism: “I want Providence to be as beautiful as it can be so passersby will stop and
spend some money,” Lorne A.
• Upgrade the waterfront: “Providence’s historic charm and the beauty of its waterfront are
an important part of our economy and identity. The power lines depress both,” Justin B.
• Long-term benefits: “We only get to do this once. Let’s do it right! For now, and for future
generations.” Stephen B.