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The Public Has a Right to Know

By Newsletter Staff

WITH REGARD TO THE Rhode Island Traffic Court, it is time once again to stress the problems regarding secrecy in the proceedings of the Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline. Former Attorney General Arlene Violet received a letter dated December 22, 1998, from commission chairwoman Judge Alice B. Gibney, stating that the commission has dismissed complaints against four of the traffic court judges that were filed by Violet on behalf of Operation Clean Government (OCG) and herself against six of the seven traffic court judges. The citizens of Rhode Island will not be permitted to see the evidence supporting the dismissal of these complaints, which were based on allegations reported by the Providence Journal.

Did the Journal get it all wrong? Did not these judges only work part time? Did the commission ask these judges to sign affidavits as to hours worked? (The Almond Administration and the Retirement Board required each member of the State Board of Elections to sign such an affidavit, and when they would not do so, they lost their medical and pension benefits. The same should have been requested of our judges.) Did not these judges sanction the practice of "suspension runs" where letters were sent out ordering drivers to either pay outstanding fines or have their license suspended without a hearing? Did not these judges also sanction the practice requiring motorists to first pay such fines and then pay an additional \$25 for the right to appeal? Did not these judges issue "boiler plate decisions" that falsely claimed citizen appeals had been heard when there had been no such hearings? The Supreme Court has been warning these judges since 1993 to stop the practice of "boiler plate decisions." The citizens will not believe that the above charges are false without being permitted to review the commission's closed records of the proceedings that led to the dismissal of these complaints.

Since the commission has not dismissed the complaints filed against two of the judges—Chief Judge Pallozzi and Judge Lallo—and since more than nine months of investigation time has elapsed, Operation Clean Government is once again calling for the proceedings to be public. Most Rhode Islanders have read about their traffic court judges, and they are ashamed of the manner in which these judges have comported themselves. Based on information reported by the Providence Journal nearly a year ago, OCG believes that it is obvious that there is substantial evidence of ethical violations by these traffic court judges. We see no just reason why a process so critical to the public's confidence in the judiciary needs to be conducted in secret.

In response to a previous OCG call¹ for the commission to lift the veil of secrecy surrounding its investigation of the traffic court judges, Chief Justice Weisberger² explained that secrecy is necessary to give judges due process protections to which all citizens are entitled and to protect judges from frivolous complaints by disappointed litigants. OCG supports the rights of all citizens to

be heard and challenge the law and evidence against them, to be represented by counsel, and to cross-examine their accusers. However, no one else in this state enjoys the level of protection being afforded the traffic court judges. Indeed, privately employed Rhode Islanders are entitled to no due process rights before being disciplined or fired. Not even tenured public employees have an absolute right to a hearing prior to a decision

to suspend them without pay. As Mr. Justice Scalia stated for a unanimous United States Supreme Court, such "an absolute rule is indefensible." For positions involving great public trust and high public visibility, the public has a significant interest in a speedy investigation, and when the facts warrant, immediate discipline. How ironic that many allegations against the judges involve violating the already less substantial due

process rights of ordinary citizens.

Chief Justice Weisberger further claimed that secrecy is essential at the investigatory stage since many complaints against judges come from disappointed litigants who seek to use the commission as an appellate tribunal. This rationale has no bearing whatsoever here. The allegations against these traffic court judges are not being made by disappointed litigants seeking to use the commission as an appellate tribunal. Rather, these allegations are being made by a former State Attorney General, Arlene Violet, and a volunteer citizen reform group. We are not disappointed litigants; we are Rhode Islanders disappointed in our judges. We are disappointed that it takes an investigation by the Providence Journal to uncover that judges, selected on the basis of political patronage, are receiving enormous full time salaries and working part time. We are disappointed reading in the newspaper that these judges are not even deciding the cases before them, but instead are writing boilerplate opinions that have no relation to the cases before them. We are disappointed reading in the newspaper that a traffic court judge, enjoying all the honors and privileges of his office, may have been spending much of his day at the Foxwoods Casino, and that this judge has filed bankruptcy and discharged taxpayer claims against him.

In addition to the requests by Arlene Violet and Operation Clean Government, gubernatorial candidate Myrth York, in an article appearing in the Providence Journal August 18, 1998, urged the commission to open its proceedings to the public. In the same article, Senator Teresa Paiva-Weed, (Chairwoman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, member of the Traffic Court Task Force and a member of the Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline) said she believes the state should undertake a review of the commission's secrecy rules and examine how judicial complaints are handled in other states. Has such a study begun?

Former Governor Bruce Sundlun, in his op-ed appearing in the Providence Journal August 9, 1998, stated "in 1985, a retired justice of the US Supreme Court, Arthur J. Goldberg, then special counsel to the commission for an investigation of then state Chief Justice Joseph A. Bevilacqua, recommended changes in the statute creating and controlling the commission. First and foremost, Justice Goldberg recommended 'open hearings to the public,' stating that the 'statute in the implementing rules imposes far too much secrecy.'" Sundlun stated eloquently "The Rhode Island commission has handled some very important cases, and the only real criticism that persists is that the procedures established by the statute creating the commission are unacceptable today in a society that demands not only public accountability from its officials, but also open records and full knowledge by the public of the processes by which that accountability is to be enforced."

Operation Clean Government believes there

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Rhode Island Primary Election Process Needs Overhaul

THE LOW VOTER TURNOUT in the September 1998 primary election once again raises the question of the process used in the Rhode Island primary election system. Even with three excellent Democratic candidates for Attorney General who waged vigorous campaigns, less than 14 percent of the electorate bothered to vote in this primary. It appears that one reason is the public's general turn away from party politics. Before receiving a ballot in a Rhode Island primary, one must declare party affiliation in a room full of people and sometime under surveillance of a party observer who is taking note of those voting. For the more than 60 percent of Rhode Island voters who are not party affiliated, this embarrassing and intimidating process violates their constitutional right to a private vote.

The purpose of the OCG forum on February 21 is to explore alternatives to the Rhode Island primary election statutes. Will a change

in the primary process increase voter turnout? OCG is researching the issue and will make the research available to panelists before the forum date. We have carefully selected a diverse panel that is well suited to discuss such issues as:

Why must party affiliation be declared publicly before voting in a primary? Why can't this be done privately in the voter's booth? Why not permit voting for any candidate in any party, one per office? California does. Why not list all candidates from all parties who are running for a single office—say governor—on the ballot and let the voters select one from the lot; then declare the two highest vote getters for run-off in the general election? Those elected in the general election would always have a majority of the votes. Louisiana uses this procedure. Why not require the parties to pay for their own primaries and set their own rules if none of the above changes can be accomplished? ♦♦♦

You can come to the forum and ask your own questions.

OPERATION CLEAN GOVERNMENT

is presenting an

Open Primary Forum and Breakfast

Sunday, February 21, 1999 — 10AM-1PM

at Chelo's of Warwick in the Banquet Room

(Airport Exit 13 off of I-95, South on Post Road, 1/4 mile on the right)

This is an educational forum exploring the various primary election methods used in other states and how they might be effective in Rhode Island.

Arlene Violet, Moderator
Panel

Representative Aram Garabedian, *Independent*
Secretary of State James R. Langevin, *Democrat*
Senator Mary Parella, *Republican*, *Senate Judiciary Committee*
June Spink, *N.E. Representative to the USA Reform Party*

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Separation of Powers

ORAL ARGUMENTS

OPERATION CLEAN GOVERNMENT BOARD MEMBER, Attorney Robert Senville, presented oral arguments before the Rhode Island Supreme Court supporting the constitutionality of the Rhode Island Ethics Commission's new regulation to bar legislators from sitting on public boards and commissions.

Governor Almond had requested an advisory opinion from the court on whether or not the Ethics Commission has the power to enforce its regulation. Several attorneys presented briefs and then oral arguments on both sides of the issue. Attorney Senville focused on the loss of public confidence in Rhode Island government caused by the shamefully unethical practice of legislators accepting money from employees of vendors who do business with the quasi-publics on which the legislator sits. He cited OCG research and testimony before the Ethics Commission regarding the flow of money from Narragansett Bay Commission employees and employees of NBC vendors to the campaign funds of the legislator who also chaired the NBC.

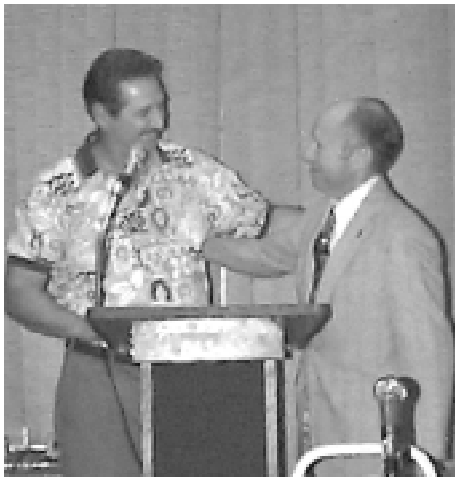
A decision from the Supreme Court is expected soon, since the new regulation is to take effect July 1, 1999. ♦♦♦

Charles M. Silverman steps down from OCG Board

CHARLES M. SILVERMAN has retired from the Operation Clean Government Board of Directors. Charles has been the stalwart knight leading the charge to reform state government since 1990. As a founder of Operation Clean Government, he inspired us with his essence of commitment to purpose. He is not afraid to challenge the powerful. And although he has taken off his armor, turned his charger to pasture, and hung up

his shield and battle sword, we will not allow him to become just a courtly squire. He is leaving our board, but we will continue to draw on his wisdom and courage.

We wish Charlie continued good health and successful adjustment to his "gift of life," a new kidney, from his friend and former OCG board member Joe Mellen. It was especially uplifting to see these two close friends standing together before the microphone stand as Charles spoke to accept an award from OCG members at their Annual Meeting. ♦♦♦



At the October OCG annual meeting, Joe Mellen, left, congratulates his good friend, Charlie Silverman, on his retirement from OCG's Board of Directors.

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is also a problem with the commission's member make-up. All members of the 14-member commission are lawyers, five are also judges. How can they find "probable cause" on judges who are colleagues with five of the members and who preside over courtrooms where the other lawyers on the commission earn their living? Does not the commission so constituted increase skepticism among the public? Why not seat more ordinary citizens on the commission? Other states do. Some set aside a number of seats for appointees who are not lawyers, judges or on a state salary as elected or appointed officials. North Dakota has a seven member commission with four seats reserved for citizens who are not lawyers, judges or retired judges.

Which legislators will step forward and introduce legislation to restore public confidence in the judicial system? OCG says, let's end this secrecy, time delays and special treatment for judges and diversify the makeup of the Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline. Let's find out what really happened to the missing \$36 million and let's find out soon what will happen to Judges Pallozzi and Lallo. Let's do what's right for the people of Rhode Island.

¹Op-ed piece: "Traffic court reform has bogged down. Why?" Providence Journal, November 11, 1998 by Robert Arruda, OCG Chair

²Op-ed piece: "Traffic court reform on schedule," Providence Journal, December 14, 1998 by Chief Justice

An interview with William D. Ankner,

Challenges

Dr. Ankner stated that both he and the Governor are most concerned about financing transportation in the next century. Currently, the gas tax revenue allocated to RIDOT is used to pay the interest on bonds issued by the state to obtain matching funds for federal highway dollars. We cannot keep increasing the gas tax, as we are the second highest in the nation. Connecticut is the highest but they are reducing their tax. They have already lowered their diesel fuel tax to encourage truckers to fill up in Connecticut. It is working, as the big truck stops on the major interstates in Connecticut are doing a tremendous business, at the expense of neighboring states. We do not want that to happen with gasoline.



The Director worked very closely with Senator Chafee's staff to help forge the six-year federal transportation bill, Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA-21). Several of the large states were lobbying to have federal transportation funds allocated according to the amount of revenue the state pays in federal gas taxes, which would have substantially reduced Rhode Island's share. Fortunately Senator Chafee's bill raised the Rhode Island annual allocation from about \$85 million to

\$156 million per year for the next six years. This will help our situation but it also means we will need more state funding to meet the match. It will be impracticable to raise the match through bond referendum, as we have done in the past, since it

would put the interest required out of reach. **Critical Funding Problems**

Dr. Ankner referred to two critical funding problems that RIDOT is working to solve.

Preventive and Routine Maintenance—Due to budget cuts, Rhode Island has under-invested in preventive maintenance for our highway and bridge infrastructure for the past decade. Our roadways and bridges have been deteriorating to the point where major reconstruction or replacement becomes necessary. This has led to Rhode Island having the highest cost per mile for resurfacing and/or reconstruction of our roadways. Recovering from this neglect depletes our federal funds, which should be used for new projects. Annual budget appropriations for routine maintenance have also been drastically cut, causing significant reduction in maintenance staff and equipment. To minimize the effects of these cuts, RIDOT started a practice of using the highway fund to pay for

YOUR 1999 REPRESENTATIVES

NAME	Party	Dist	Term	Occupation	Home #	Work #	Street	City	Zip
Abdullah-Odiase, Aisha W.	D	19	1	Human Services	467-0412		8 Quince St.	Providence	02905
Aiken, Denise C.	D	35	2	Attorney	732-0497	732-0497	87 Baywood St.	Warwick	02886
Ajello, Edith H.	D	03	4	Oriental Rug Restoration/Sales	274-7078		29 Benefit St.	Providence	02904
Almeida, Joseph S.	D	20	1		467-7033		299 California Av.	Providence	02905
Amaral, Joseph N.	R	92	2	Assistant Principal	624-8702	222-2259	667 Fish Rd.	Tiverton	02878
Anderson, Mabel M.	D	77	9	English Instructor (retired)	722-1126		26 South St.	Pawtucket	02860
Anderson, Stephen J.	D	42	6	Teacher - Exeter/WG	822-0587		58 Pilgrim Av.	Coventry	02816
Barr, II, John Douglas	D	59	2	Real Estate Investor	333-4747		748 Lower River Rd.	Lincoln	02865
Benoit, Nancy L.	D	64	8	Educator, St. Raphael Academy	766-7908		28 Berkley St.	Woonsocket	02895
Benson, Melvoid J.	D	45	5	Educator (retired)	294-9473	222-2466	70 Shore Acres Av.	N. Kingstown	02852
Bramley, Russell	D	36	7	Attorney	823-5462	739-9330	9 Cedar Pond Dr.	Warwick	02886
Burlingame, Barbara C.	D	62	7	VP Finance and Programs, Northern RI Chamb. of Comm.	766-3611		565 Fairmount St.	Woonsocket	02895
Callahan, Christine H.	R	99	7	Exec Dir/Newport Art Museum	849-6631	222-2259	5 Cedar Av.	Middletown	02842
Cambio, Bambilyn Breece	D	11	4	Paralegal & Title Examiner	232-5167		380 Woonasquatucket Av.	N. Providence	02911
Carpenter, Marsha E.	D	18	3		467-4962		98 Warrington St.	Providence	02907
Carroll, Mary Ann F.	D	15	2	Teacher/enrolled in law school	949-0202		129 Saw Mill Rd.	Chepachet	02814
Carter, Kenneth	D	46	4	Restaurateur	294-9183	294-6460	615 Callahan Rd.	N. Kingstown	02852
Cicilline, David N.	D	04	3	Attorney	331-6929	273-5600	702 Elm Grove Av.	Providence	02906
Coderre, Elaine A.	D	78	8	Exec Dir of Emergency Shelter, Pawtucket	726-1190	728-8490	18 Angle St.	Pawtucket	02860
Coelho, Raymond C.	D	85	4	Pres/Owner-East Bay Construction Co., Inc.	434-3235		70 Empire Dr.	E. Providence	02914
Corvese, Arthur J.	D	71	1	Optometrist	353-8695		234 Lexington Av.	N. Providence	02904
Costantino, Steven M.	D	14	3	Exec. Dir. Drug & Alcohol Treatment Assoc/RI	521-1313		120 Courtland St.	Providence	02909
Crowley, Paul W.	D	100	10	Owner, LaForge Casino Restaurant	849-4626	847-0418	29 Harrison Av.	Newport	02840
Dennigan, Elizabeth M.	D	82	2	Emergency Nurse/Lawyer	434-8525	331-6510 x125	54 Horsford Av.	E. Providence	02916
DeSimone, John J.	D	06	4	Attorney	351-7373	454-1400	735 Smith St.	Providence	02908
Faria, Joseph L.	D	72	5	Owner, Quality Gym Service	726-2271	725-6587	112 Clay St.	Central Falls	02863
Farrell, Michael J.	D	73	2	Consultant/Student	729-8321		54 Cowden St.	Central Falls	02863
Ferguson, Lawrence J.	D	91	8	Teacher - Barrington	253-2663		82 Charles St.	Bristol	02809
Flaherty, Robert E.	D	34	5	Attorney	737-9385	781-7200	936 Buttonwoods Av.	Warwick	02886
Fleury, Richard E.	R	40	4	Attorney	822-1740	884-6565	59 Hatheway Dr.	West Warwick	02893
Fox, Gordon D.	D	05	4	Attorney	272-0113	751-3900	146 Woodbine St.	Providence	02906
Garabedian, Aram G.	I	23	1	Senior Vice Pres./Bliss Properties	944-7444	272-0804	245 Waterman St.	Providence	02906
Garvey, Eugene F.	D	81	4	Insurance Broker (retired)	789-8017		PO Box 43	Charlestown	02813
George, Myrna C.	D	31	2	Artist	294-2168		40 Locust Valley Rd.	Exeter	02822
Giannini, Joanne M.	D	07	3	Purchasing agent/Providence City Hall	831-1393	861-4500	584 Pleasant Valley Pkwy.	Providence	02908
Ginaitt, Peter T.	D	33	5	Firefighter/Rescue Lieutenant	732-2695	222-2466	177 Hope Av.	Warwick	02889
Gorham, Nicholas	R	53	1	Attorney	397-9076	647-1400	7042 Flat River RD.	Greene	02827
Harwood, John B.	D	76	10	Attorney	729-1447	222-2426	Room 323 State House	Providence	02903
Heffner, Mark B.	D	88	5	Attorney	247-2677	737-1600	25 South Meadow Ln.	Barrington	02806
Henseler, Suzanne M.	D	44	9	Teacher - St. Rocco School	884-6893	222-6595	Room 303 State House	Providence	02903
Hetherington, Nancy C.	D	28	3	Dir of Social Serv.-Dorcas Place Literacy Ctr	461-4582	273-8866	107 Westwood Av.	Cranston	02905
Hogan, Gary M.	D	57	1	Attorney	232-5981	231-5800	105 Farnum Pike	Smithfield	02917
Inman III, Edward S.	D	41	6	Teacher - Cranston	822-4141	222-2466	27 Maplewood Dr.	Coventry	02816
Iwuc, David S.	D	68	2	Police Sergeant	333-5514		179 Little Pond County Rd.	Cumberland	02864
Jacquard, Robert B.	D	26	4	Police Detective	467-6591		117 Keith Av.	Cranston	02910
Kelley, Leona A.	R	49	8	Social Worker, Teacher (retired)	783-4695	222-2259	64 Rodman St.	Peace Dale	02879
Kelso, James M.	D	47	2	Restaurant Owner	783-6200	789-0700	40 Ocean Rd.	Narragansett	02882
Kennedy, Brian P.	D	16	6	Realtor	377-8818	377-8818	PO Box 1001	Ashaway	02804
Kilmartin, Peter F.	D	80	5	Law Enforcement Officer	727-2211		598 Armistice Blvd.	Pawtucket	02861
Knickle, H. Norman	D	37	1	Attorney	739-6079	738-0100	255 Lambert Lind Hwy.	Warwick	02886

Operation Clean Government was given a unique opportunity to interview William D. Ankner, Ph.D., Director of the Rhode Island. On December 18, 1998, OCG representatives met with Director Ankner for a candid discussion of his tenure at RIDOT. He readily gave his views on the challenges and critical issues facing DOT, recent accomplishments and plans for major highway projects.

Director of RIDOT

by Gerald Donovan and David Andreozzi

certain safety-related highway maintenance and operation activities, including salaries, that had previously been totally funded with state appropriations.

Over Reliance on Borrowing and Federal funds—Rhode Island has overly relied on bond debt to fund transportation activities. We finance our transportation capital program (the highway fund) exclusively through debt and federal funds. Federal funds amount to over 72 percent of the funds, which RIDOT will use in 1999 to maintain or improve our transportation facilities. We use general obligation bonds to provide the state match to capture the Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) funds. A stable financing source is needed; reliance on voter referenda approval every two years to carry out a long range, comprehensive highway and bridge maintenance program is not in the best interest of the state.

Accomplishments and Goals

The Director credits the accomplishments during his short tenure to his staff and the other competent employees who are doing their best to make RIDOT a department they can be proud of. He states that one of those accomplishments is making maintenance a high priority. His goal is to take advantage of modern technology and use employees more efficiently and effectively. Examples of new techniques are:

- *Three vehicles (a water truck, sweeper and a following safety truck) are used to sweep roads. The department is negotiating to purchase vehicles that combine all three functions and will be operated by one person.*

- *Trucks when used for snow plowing and salt spreading should be washed frequently. This is now being done by manually hosing down the trucks, which does not fully remove salt residue from the undercarriage. They are now planning to install an automatic truck washing facility.*

- *Holes for sign replacement were being dug by hand. Now the department has trucks with augers.*

- *Mowing has been done with 1960 vintage lawn mowers and weed whackers. New mowers with arm extensions requiring one operator will perform the functions of both machines.*

The Director is also pleased to have shifted attention to the funding problems of transportation. He is proud of the success in working with Senator Chafee on securing additional federal funding. He is now working closely with the Governor on a long-term funding plan to present to the General Assembly.

Dr. Ankner is trying to change development philosophy in Rhode Island. He feels that transportation must not continue to be thought of as an end in itself, but that it is part of the larger community. For example, in planning for future

projects the state should purchase development rights along transportation corridors. This would ensure that secondary roads and connectors to access residential and/or commercial developments are integrated with the main roads in a fashion that will best move traffic. He said RIDOT has begun to communicate more effectively with communities to identify their transportation needs and to present RIDOT plans for local transportation projects.

Not only is Dr. Ankner committed to an effective transportation system for Rhode Island, he is to be commended for his long term dedication to highway safety. His work in this area resulted in his receiving a Certificate of Commendation from the National Association of Governors Highway Safety Representatives. Among his safety achievements Dr. Ankner formed the Rhode Island Traffic Safety Coalition, which has been very active in helping pass legislation to make Rhode Island a safer place to drive.

Controlling Cost Overruns

Director Ankner has implemented measures in the departments estimating procedures to curb project cost overruns. Change orders drive up project costs. The Director defines change orders as expansion to scope of work and/or lengthening the time to complete a project. In Rhode Island the impact of change orders on the final cost of projects has been reduced from an average of 20 percent to 8 percent, while the national average is about 10 percent.

Department engineers and planners are now required to develop a full scope of work and budget for each project before it is put into the capital project plan. In the past, projects were planned without a scope of work or a realistic schedule to complete. Change orders would then be authorized to cover the shortfalls, which were due to poor initial estimating. In some projects, construction crews were allowed to extend the scope of work and/or schedule beyond the design engineers' plans. These were called design error change orders, and would be paid by taking funds budgeted for other projects. Director Ankner expects that capital projects will be started on schedule and completed within budget. With this control, funds cannot be transferred from project to project. To ensure compliance and accountability with his directives, he requires that department design chiefs sign off the design error change orders, acknowledging that a design error has occurred, before the finance office authorizes payment.

State Bureaucracy

Dr Ankner believes that some of the state laws and bureaucratic rules force his department to do things that may not be prudent. For example, it takes nine months to hire a new consultant through the bureaucracy, which can unnecessarily delay a project. The public wants responsiveness on the part of government agencies. The legislature should streamline these stifling laws and bureaucratic practices. The Director feels that this can be done while maintaining proper checks and balances.

Transportation Authority

Dr Ankner is concerned that in Rhode Island we do not do transportation planning and budgeting in an integrated manner. He is proposing to the Governor that there be a transportation authority that would present a combined budget for RIDOT, Airport Authority, Turnpike and Bridge Authority and RIPTA. This way we would not have each entity trying to develop a separate budget and lobbying independently for it. We would have a close knit integrated team to best address today's transportation needs for the state.

Major Projects

The director commented on the status of high profile capital projects as follows:

Civic Center Ramps - These ramps should have been included in the building of the interchange when the Convention Center and Westin Hotel were built. The ramps were in the design but were eliminated to bring the budget into line with available funds. We would be building them even without the need for access to the Providence Place Mall. The off-ramp traffic now backs up on to I-95 during special events and morning rush hours. The ramps will be funded through the RIDOT Highway Fund, which is mostly federal monies.

Quonset Point Access Road - RIDOT plans for the Quonset Point access road include: a completed project assessment, the purchase of key pieces of real estate necessary for the road, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) agreement with involved communities not to impede mobility of transportation in their areas. The EIS agreement with the communities has been reached; and the first phase, the facility entrance, is underway. The remaining phases are not yet in the six-year capital plan.

Relocation of I-195—This project is a high priority. However, in total cost, the relocation of I-195 is similar in scale to the Convention Center project. The advisors to the Public Finance Management Board, in their November, 1997 report, concluded, "the State is not in a position today to finance the kind of large economic development projects such as the Convention Center represented in the early 1990's." Funding should include return from the sale of development rights along the abandoned inner-city roadbed.

In summary, Operation Clean Government feels that the state is fortunate that Dr. Ankner

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NAME	Party	Dist	Term	Occupation	Home #	Work #	Street	City	Zip
Lally, Jr., Donald J.	D	48	6	Attorney		792-9090	19 Oak St.	Wakefield	02879
Lanzi, Beatrice A.	D	22	4	Communications Instructor	946-7125		81 Eagle Rd.	Cranston	02920
Larisa, Rose	R	87	1		433-3441	222-2259	77 Argyle Av.	Riverside	02915
Levesque, Charles J.	D	93	4	Attorney	683-9194		47 Islington Av.	Portsmouth	02871
Levesque, George R.	D	98	2	Educational Assistant	423-2319		45 Windsor St.	Jamestown	02835
Lewiss, Peter L.	D	51	1	Attorney	596-7149	596-9951	79 Franklin St.	Westerly	02891
Lima, Charlene	D	13	4	Educator, Providence	946-5707		455 Laurel Hill Av.	Cranston	02920
Long, Bruce J.	R	95	10	President, Long-Ade, Inc.	846-8656	222-2259	11 Wilson Rd.	Middletown	02842
Lopes, Maria J.	D	83	6	Residence Coordinator	438-4872	274-1213	100 Hall St.	E. Providence	02914
Lowe, Robert B.	D	61	7	Restaurant Owner	762-6503	766-0673	PO Box 699	Forestdale	02824
Maher, John H.	D	96	1	Exec Dir/ Maher Center	683-4119	846-0340	PO Box 127	Portsmouth	02871
Malik, Jan	D	89	2	Liquor store owner	247-1271	247-1733	23 Hezekiah Dr.	Warren	02885
Martineau, Gerard M.	D	63	7	Owner/Upland Group	769-2177	222-2426	72 Upland Rd.	Woonsocket	02895
McCauley, Jr., John J.	D	01	5	Plumbing Inspector, Providence	421-3331		71 Common St.	Providence	02908
McNamara, Joseph M.	D	29	3	Educator - Pawtucket	941-8319		23 Howie Av.	Warwick	02888
Menard, Rene R.	D	58	6	Firefighter	765-1499		3 Sunset Dr.	Manville	02838
Millard, Jr., Charles E.	R	90	4	General Contractor	253-7412	222-2259	620 Hope St.	Bristol	02809
Montanaro, Frank A.	D	24	7	Project Manager - RIC	946-2396	222-2466	214 Locust Glen Dr.	Cranston	02921
Moura, Paul E.	D	02	8	Field Representative AFL-CIO	351-5228		144 George M. Cohan Blvd.	Providence	02903
Mumford, Carol A.	R	54	1	College Professor (retired)	647-3251	222-2259	141 Betty Pond Rd.	Hope	02831
Munschy, Ronald C.	D	65	2	Account Sales Manager (retired)	766-5466		137 Congress St.	Woonsocket	02895
Murphy, William J.	D	39	4	Attorney	821-2413	861-1142	127 Dorrance St. 2nd floor	Providence	02903
Naughton, Eileen S.	D	32	4	Self Employed Farmer	737-4161	737-4161	100 Old Homestead Rd.	Warwick	02889
Palangio, Thomas A.	D	08	4	Small Business Owner	751-0110		30 Lyndhurst Av.	Providence	02908
Palumbo, Peter G.	D	25	3	Vice Pres, Environmental Professionals, Inc.	785-2882		67 Kearney St.	Cranston	02920
Picard, Roger A.	D	66	4	Social Worker	769-4902		26 Dana St.	Woonsocket	02895
Pires, Jr., Antonio J.	D	79	7	Insurance Broker	723-4743	222-2738	29 Arland Dr.	Pawtucket	02861
Pisaturo, Michael S.	D	21	2	Mortgage Marketer	946-1905		6 Winthrop St.	Cranston	02910
Quick, Joan B.	R	94	5		635-2159	222-2259	PO Box 433	Adamsville	02801
Rabideau, Scott P.	R	60	3	Wetlands Biologist	568-1897	568-7390	880 Hill Rd.	Pascoag	02859
Reilly, Jr., Donald O.	D	67	3	Paralegal	333-5013		12 Womantam Ln.	Cumberland	02864
Rose, Henry C.	D	84	4	Retail Furniture Dealer	435-5921		110 Sweet Briar Av.	E. Providence	02915
Russo, Jr., Alfred	D	55	4	Attorney	942-1577	944-2647	1405 Plainfield St.	Johnston	02919
San Bento, Jr., William	D	75	4	Insurance	727-0276	723-7210	25 Nathanael Av.	Pawtucket	02860
Schadone, Gregory J.	D	70	1	Attorney	354-8300	454-7700	6 Middle St.	N. Providence	02911
Scott, Joseph H.	R	52	2	Attorney	295-5048	782-1200	410 Kingstown Rd.	W. Kingston	02892
Shavers, Maxine Bradford	D	97	2	Dir of Human Services/Realtor	849-1477	766-2496	16 Heath St.	Newport	02840
Sherlock, Paul V.	D	30	11	Prof of Handicapped & Special Ed - RIC	781-3495	222-2738	6 Northampton St.	Warwick	02888
Simonian, John S.	D	27	5	Attorney	785-0902	941-4800	273 Pontiac Av.	Cranston	02910
Slater, Thomas C.	D	17	3	Sales Engineer, Manager	461-4554		70 Sawyer St.	Providence	02907
Smith, Steven F.	D	12	6	Teacher - Providence	521-2191		59 King Phillip St.	Providence	02909
Sullivan, Robert D.	D	86	1	Law Enforcement (retired)	437-1177		1 Seaview Av.	E. Providence	02915
Thompson, John J.	D	50	1	Teacher (retired)	596-7087	596-6697	46 Highland Av.	Westerly	02891
Viera, Sr., William D.	D	74	1	Senior Computer Programmer Analyst	723-9520		85 Samuel Av.	Pawtucket	02860
Voccola, Joseph J.	D	56	3	Attorney	231-0846	751-3900	454 Broadway Suite 201	Providence	02909
Wasyluk, Peter N.	D	10	8	Attorney	272-1854	831-7730	164 Hillcrest Av.	Providence	02909
Watson, Robert A.	R	43	4	Attorney	885-6688	274-3770	103 South Pierce Rd.	E. Greenwich	02818
Williams, Anastasia P.	D	09	4	Hud Home Monitoring Specialist	272-8135		32 Hammond St.	Providence	02909
Williamson, Timothy A.	D	38	4	Attorney	822-2005	823-9200	1193 Tiogue Av.	Coventry	02816
Winfield, Thomas J.	D	69	4	Funeral Director	949-3356		2 Church St.	Smithfield	02828

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Alves, Stephen D.	D	19	3	Stockbroker	828-4604	823-8900	34 Sweet Briar Ln.	West Warwick	02893
Badeau, Roger R.	D	32	8	Chemical Technician (retired)	766-7574	222-6640 x132	370 Dunlap St.	Woonsocket	02895
Bates, David E.	R	44	4	Insurance Agent	246-1379	253-5300	65 Primrose Hill Rd.	Barrington	02806
Blais, Leo R.	R	21	4	Pharmacist	823-4536	222-2708	40 Bank St.	Coventry	02816
Breene, Kevin A.	R	41	2	Dairy Farmer	397-5613	222-2708	21-D Victory Hwy.	W. Greenwich	02817
Caprio, Frank T.	D	08	3	Attorney	455-0055	222-6640 x108	29 Jones St.	Providence	02903
Celona, John A.	D	36	3	Consultant, Village at Elmhurst	353-3042	786-3330	51 Pinewood Dr	N. Providence	02904
Cicilline, J. Clement	D	50	4	CEO - Newport County Community Mental Health Center	846-5353	222-6640 x150	PO Box 3383	Newport	02840
Coderre, Thomas R.	D	40	3	Development Associate/United Way	725-4040	222-6640 x140	16 Angle St.	Pawtucket	02860
Connors, Daniel P.	D	33	2	Student	728-0828	222-6640 x133	370 Bryant St.	Cumberland	02864
Cote, Marc A.	D	31	3	Real Estate Broker & Developer	765-3360	765-3360	144 Woodland Rd.	Woonsocket	02895
Damiani, Michael J.	D	43	2	Retired (Police Dept)	433-4522	433-5432 (F)	887 Willett Av.	E. Providence	02915
DaPonte, Daniel	D	42	1	Student	434-6701	222-6640 x142	116 Ivy St.	E. Providence	02914
Donelan, James M.	D	15	2	Attorney	461-1222	461-1500	642 Post Rd.	Warwick	02888
Enos, William	D	47	7	Self Employed - Service Station	624-3852	222-6655	PO Box 80	Tiverton	02878
Felag, Jr., Walter S.	D	46	1	Computer Software Engineer	245-7521	849-5952 x3453	51 Overhill Rd.	Warren	02885
Flynn, Michael J.	R	29	11	Mathematics Professor, CCRI	949-0907	222-2708	3 Hawthorne Rd.	Greenville	02828
Fogarty, Paul W.	D	27	1	Master Plumber	949-0895	222-6640 x127	PO Box 37	Harmony	02829
Gallo, Hanna M.	D	12	1	Speech Language Pathologist, S. Kingstown	942-8566	222-6640 x112	23 Ruskin St.	Cranston	02920
Gibbs, June N.	R	48	8		846-1579	222-2708	163 Riverview Av.	Middletown	02842
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Graziano, Catherine E.	D	05	4	Prof of Nursing (retired)	351-5424	222-6640 x105	42 Rowley St.	Providence	02909
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Irons, William V.	D	39	9	Owner, Irons & Assoc Insurance	438-8120	222-2257	PO Box 16210	Rumford	02916
Issa, Daniel J.	D	35	7	Open MRI	724-4396	222-6640 x135	1140 Lonsdale Av.	Central Falls	02863
Izzo, Thomas J.	D	13	6	Dir. of Guidance, Cranston	944-1554	222-2293	50 Westhill Dr.	Cranston	02920
Kells, Robert T.	D	10	5	Police Lieutenant	941-0423	222-6640 x110	4 Falconer St.	Providence	02907
Kelly, Paul S.	D	30	8	Senior Financial Consultant	767-3567	222-6655	318 State House	Providence	02903
Lenihan, J. Michael	D	22	5	Teacher (retired)	884-6398	222-3438	255 Tillinghast Rd.	E. Greenwich	02818
McBurney III, John F.	D	38	13	Attorney	725-2459	222-6640	5 Nancy St.	Pawtucket	02860
McCaffrey, Michael J.	D	16	3	Attorney	739-7576	463-7444	46 Monk Rd.	Warwick	02889
McDonald, Patrick T.	D	24	2	Attorney	295-4375	222-6640 x124	95 Riverdell Dr.	Saunderstown	02874
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Paiva-Weed, M. Teresa	D	49	4	Attorney	846-9984	222-6625	43 Thurston Av.	Newport	02840
Parella, Mary A.	R	45	4	Child Opportunity Zone Coordinator/Pawtucket	253-1099	222-2708	259 High St.	Bristol	02809
Patterson, John A.	R	23	2	International Economic Dev Consultant	885-7776	222-2708	721 N Quiddnessett Rd.	N. Kingstown	02852
Perry, Rhoda E.	D	03	5	Health Care Administration	751-7165	222-6625	916 Hope St.	Providence	02906
Raplakis, Leonidas P.	D	20	2	Restaurant Owner/Operator	397-2720	397-3344	2080 Nooseneck Hill Rd.	Coventry	02816
Revens Jr., John C.	D	18	15	Attorney	738-8362	822-2900	250 Burt St.	Warwick	02886
Roberts, Elizabeth H.	D	11	2	Homemaker	785-9068	785-9068	254 Norwood Av.	Cranston	02905
Roney, John M.	D	02	3	Attorney	421-9794	421-9794	344 Wickenden St.	Providence	02903
Ruggerio, Dominick J.	D	04	8	Regional Cord, N.E. Labor Management Coop Trust	333-6074	751-1011	1046 Douglas Av.	Providence	02904
Sasso, Eleanor C.	D	14	10		942-8694	222-6655	60 Glenmere Dr.	Cranston	02920
Sosnowski, V. Susan	D	06	2	Self Employed Farmer	783-7704	789-0241 (F)	680 Glen Rock Rd.	W. Kingston	02892
Tocco, Jr. William P.	D	28	1	Retired (Chief of Police, State Police)	934-3333	934-3371 (F)	5 Wood Dr.	Johnston	02919
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Walsh, Donna M.	D	25	2	Teacher, Charho	364-6433	364-0651	PO Box 1380	Charlestown	02813
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came to Rhode Island in 1996 to head up RIDOT. His credentials for the job are impeccable. He holds BA, MA and Ph.D. academic degrees. His work experience of 19 years in the transportation

field includes: eight years on the faculty of St. Mary's College of Maryland; one year fellowship with the Federal Highway Administration; five years as Supervisor of Corporate Strategic Planning; and two years as Supervisor of Transportation Policy for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Additionally, he held a variety of positions at the New Jersey Department of Transportation as Director of Policy, Capital Programming and Authorities including serving as a board member with the South Jersey Transportation Authority and Executive director of the New Jer-

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Letter to the Editor Nancy Mayer, Thank You!

For the past six years, Nancy Mayer has conducted herself with intelligence, courage, honesty, and professionalism. She had strong convictions and courageously went down the roads that those convictions took her without being swayed or frightened by special interest groups. She told it as she saw it. As a member of the state pension system, I want to give Mrs. Mayer the following thanks: Thank you for removing patronage politics from the treasurer's office by refusing political contributions from political insiders and vendors doing business with your office. Thank you for sponsoring legislation to close most of the loopholes in the pension system. Thank you for your efforts at removing the 24 union officials from the pension system after being allowed to enter the system by a bill passed by the General Assembly in the middle of the night. Thank you for making sure that the political insider and state representative Jerome P. Egan did not get the job as executive director of the retirement system. Thank you for working with the IRS in getting Governor Sundlun to return \$20 million he took from the pension fund during the banking crisis. Thank you for fighting off attempts by Governor Sundlun and Joe Paolino to raid the pension fund for \$10 million to be used for risky venture capital investments in Rhode Island. Thank you for reorganizing the General Treasurer's office in order to deliver services more efficiently and with more accountability. Now that Mrs. Mayer has concluded her final days in office, I know that I speak for many taxpayers and members of the retirement system in wishing her health, happiness, and enjoyment of family love. She was the right person, at the right place, at the right time. God bless her!


Raymond A. Creta, Sr.

Editor's note: Nancy Mayer won the respect and approval of Rhode Islanders for bringing honesty and integrity to the Treasurer's Office. During her six years there, she continued to fight the "special interests" that drain the state and municipal pension funds. She held foremost her commitment to all of her constituents, the citizens of Rhode Island. Operation Clean Government is proud to have presented Nancy our first Golden Broom Award in December 1993.

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