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Sent via electronic and regular mail

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Re: **City of East Providence Budget Commission**

Dear Major Bannon:

Susanne Greschner, Chief of the Division of Municipal Finance is in receipt of your letter dated December 19, 2011 written in your capacity as fiscal overseer for the City of East Providence ("City") pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 45-9-5 (a) and (b). Your letter reports that you have concluded that the City (1) is unable to present a balanced municipal budget; (2) faces a fiscal crisis that poses an imminent danger to the safety of the citizens of the City and/or their property; and (3) will not achieve fiscal stability without the assistance of a budget commission. The letter further indicates that it is your belief that a budget commission should be appointed for the City.

Based upon your above-referenced conclusions and your belief that a budget commission should be appointed for the City, as well as my own familiarity of the current fiscal challenges being faced by the citizens of East Providence, I have determined that the appointment of a budget commission is in the best interests of the City. Therefore, I have advised Governor Chafee that I am abolishing the fiscal overseer position and establishing a budget commission for the City.

Pursuant to my authority under R.I. Gen. Laws § 45-9-6, I am hereby designating you as a member of the budget commission. I am also appointing as my designees to the commission Michael O'Keefe (former Budget Officer and House Fiscal Advisor) of North Providence and Diane L. Brennan (City of Warwick Financial Report Analyst) of Seekonk, Massachusetts. (Pursuant to said statute, the other two (2) members of the budget commission will be Bruce Rogers, President of the East Providence City Council and Peter Graczykowski, City Manager.)

You will soon receive additional financial information relating to the City as well as notification of the date, place and time of the first meeting of the budget commission.

Thank you for your outstanding service as fiscal overseer for the City and for your future service as a budget commission member.

Sincerely,



Rosemary Booth Gallogly
Director of Revenue

CC: Governor Lincoln D. Chafee
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Susanne Greschner, Chief, Municipal Finance