



Mayor of Providence

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Brett P. Smiley

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Dear Chairman Crisafulli,

Thank you for your leadership as Chair of the 195 Commission. The Commission's work is a critical driver of economic development in Providence, most recently illustrated by the exciting opening of the pavilion at Innovation Park.


I am aware that the Commission is reviewing proposals for potential buyers of Parcel 8A and I thought it might be helpful for me to provide you my thoughts about key considerations for that site.

As you know, while the development of the parcels in that area has been a big success, there are some concerns about density of the development and how that density affects quality of life for neighbors. Issues related to parking and traffic are brought up frequently and I realize that adding another building may cause concerns for our residents. While this is to be expected in any new concentrated development venture, I want to ensure that we are working together to identify proactive approaches to addressing these issues.

To be clear, I fully support the development of this parcel, however I am hoping that attention can be given to ensure that whatever development is chosen has a design that is complementary to the surrounding buildings. Further, adding additional parking access would be beneficial to that parcel and those surrounding it.

Thank you for your partnership. Please always be in touch if I can be of assistance to you or your team.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor Brett P. Smiley