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Please...

## **WRITE A NOTE TO THE GOVERNOR ABOUT THE POWER LINES**

**WE'RE ALMOST THERE!  
...BUT WE STILL COULD LOSE WITHOUT YOUR HELP.**

The Governor and General Assembly leaders have agreed to bury the waterfront power lines, but the Siting Board could still reject undergrounding if there is no agreement on funding. Staff for the Governor and the legislature are working on a funding plan.

Now, more than ever,... **WE NEED YOU**

### **TO CONTACT THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEADERS**

Please 1) thank them for their support, and  
2) urge them to stay involved in getting burial funded ASAP.

**5-10 MINUTES** is all it will take to write a short note: a few minutes of your time for 100 years of our waterfront free of ugly power lines! Friends in government have told us that now is the time to "flood the governor and legislators" with emails and messages.

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL:

- 1) **Governor Donald Carcieri** at [rigov@gov.state.ri.us](mailto:rigov@gov.state.ri.us) or 222-2080,
- 2) **Speaker of the House William Murphy** at [rep-murphy@rilin.state.ri.us](mailto:rep-murphy@rilin.state.ri.us) or 222-2466,  
with a copy to House Finance Comm. Chair Steven Costantino at [rep-costantino@rilin.state.ri.us](mailto:rep-costantino@rilin.state.ri.us), and
- 3) **Senate President Joseph Montalbano** at [sen-jmontalbano@rilin.state.ri.us](mailto:sen-jmontalbano@rilin.state.ri.us) or 222-6655,  
with a copy to Sen. Finance Comm. Chair Stephen Alves at [sen-alves@rilin.state.ri.us](mailto:sen-alves@rilin.state.ri.us).

Here's an example of a note that's been sent. Please put it in your own words. And please let us know when you write them. The sample:

"We want to commend you MOST ENTHUSIASTICALLY for offering the political will so vital to burying the power lines. Please, please stay actively involved in this matter to ensure that a funding mechanism is secured. The next few weeks will be pivotal. Only YOUR continued leadership can keep the political will alive to make it happen."

For more info, editorials, etc, see our website above and a funding scenario on the back.

**Thank you for your help.**

*"I consider India Point Park to be the entering crown jewel of the city." Providence Mayor David Cicilline  
(over)*

## FUNDING BURIAL OF THE POWER LINES

Attorney General Lynch has asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve regional funding for burying the waterfront power lines. If it does, the cost would be undetectable: a one penny increase in the average RI ratepayer's monthly electricity bill. If FERC rejects regional funding, here is how the \$9.4 million needed could be raised:

<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Source:</u>
\$2.5 million	<b>DOT</b> (offered by Dir. Capaldi, in addition to paying the cost of temporary overhead relocation)
1.5 million	<b>Narragansett Electric's</b> \$13.4 million Storm Fund
2 million	<b>Narragansett Electric's</b> \$18 million Merger Settlement Fund due to be refunded to RI ratepayers in '05. This amount could be subtracted from the \$3.78 million due Providence & East Providence ratepayers.
375,000	State Bond funds awarded in '03 to the Providence Parks Dept to bury the wires
1 million	Private donations from foundations, businesses, and individuals
2.025 million	Advanced by EDC, to be repaid by state bond funds &/or Tax Incentive Financing (TIFs) from Providence and E. Providence development
<hr/> \$9.4 million	<b>TOTAL</b>