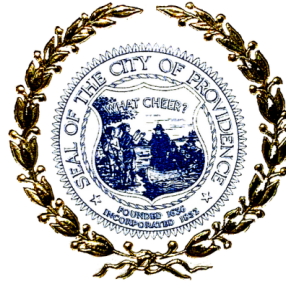


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Emma Rodvien
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Re: Sea 3 Providence, LLC Petition for Declaratory Order

Dear Ms. Rodvien and members of the Energy Facility Siting Board:

I am writing to express my opposition to Sea 3 Providence LLC's (the applicant's) petition for a Declaratory Order from the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) to allow for the import of Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) by rail. I ask that the EFSB deny the applicant's request for a Declaratory Order.

As you are aware, the applicant's request involves a substantial expansion of LPG present in the Port of Providence's industrial area, and the shipment of the LPG by rail. The Port of Providence and the South Side of Providence have been effected by the public safety and health threats caused by the industrial activity in the area for years. This proposal would only further endanger the local ecosystem and threaten health outcomes for nearby residents.

If approved by EFSB, the applicant's development plans would contribute to existing issues including disproportionately high rates of childhood asthma and low air quality in South Providence that disproportionately impact communities of color. Additionally, these plans would increase the risk of incidents like fires, derailments, or explosions; all of which have occurred recently in the same industrial area as the applicant's proposed expansion.

In addition to the immediate consequences which will negatively impact the local community, the applicant's proposal contradicts City-wide environmental goals including sustainable development and reducing carbon emissions. The City of Providence must focus its efforts on sustainable development that will not further contribute to the negative impacts of climate change as a coastal City in a coastal State.

I respectfully request that the EFSB deny the applicant's request for a Declaratory Order as this proposal represents a significant threat to the environment and to the public health, safety, and welfare of the local community of South Providence and the City of Providence as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,

John Goncalves, Providence City Councilman, Ward 1