PAWTUXET VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

March 27, 2026

To: Stanley Pikul, Building Official, City of Cranston RI
Beth Ashman, MCP, AICP, Planning Director, City of Cranston RI

From: Board of Directors, Pawtuxet Village Association

Re: Animated LED Sign Recently Installed at One Rhodes Place

On behalf of the Board of the Pawtuxet Village Association (PVA) and its members, we wish to register our objection to the the City of Cranston issuing a permit allowing for the installation of a large LED sign at the entrance to Rhodes Place.

The sign's location is adjacent to the Pawtuxet Village National Historic District (1973), and such a new structure should conform to the Secretary of Interior standards for historic preservation. This sign is located at the entrance to the Village and across from a landmark 1905 trolley house that was recently restored with funding provided by PVA.

Not only is the sign out of character for the National Historic District and surrounding properties, it represents a disturbance to residents and the visual aspects of the street. The PVA believes our historic community should never be blighted with modern signage that detracts from the historic character of the area.

Based on the findings included in the Land Use Analysis report done by former Warwick Planning Director Jonathan Stevens, it is clear this sign should not have been issued a permit for several reasons, not the least of which is its violation of the City of Cranston's Zoning Code Schedule of Permitted Sign Types.

Please review the sign permit appllcation. If you agree with the findings of the report, we respectfully request you rescind your approval of this sign.

We appreciate your attention and look forward to your support on this matter.

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