

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF THE RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT AND JUDGE
TAFT-CARTER IN ISSUING A PROMPT JUDGMENT REGARDING
COUNCILWOMAN BUCCI**

No.

Passed:

Anthony J. Lupino, Council President

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the Cranston City Council is dealing with many important issues facing its citizens, including economic, budgetary and social problems.

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2012, Maria Bucci was properly appointed by the Council to fill a vacancy on the Cranston City Council.

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2012, Judge Sarah Taft-Carter issued a temporary restraining order barring Councilwoman Bucci from participating in Council meetings, effectively leaving Ward 4 without representation.

WHEREAS, after an unfounded challenge to Councilwoman Bucci's appointment, on April 19, 2012, the Rhode Island Board of Elections held that former Ward 4 Council Pelletier was always domiciled in Ward 4, making Councilwoman Bucci's appointment proper under the City Charter.

WHEREAS, the temporary restraining order issued on April 3, 2012 is still in effect, although any issue dealing with domicile and the appointment of Councilwoman Bucci has already been decided by the Rhode Island Board of Elections and representatives of the Council have asked Judge Taft-Carter to overturn the TRO.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranston City Council hereby requests that Judge Taft-Carter finally lift the temporary restraining against Councilwoman Bucci, allowing her to serve her Ward 4 Constituents in accordance with the Cranston City Charter and Rhode Island General Laws.

Sponsored by: Council President Lupino and Councilman Archetto