The People of Providence Deserve Answers.

The Providence City Council is about to approve an out-of-scale, 600-foot tall, 46-story tower, known as the Hope Point Tower. It has a massive six-story garage at its base, and it is encroaching on land designated as a beautiful, riverfront park.

The project is in direct conflict with the 100-foot, seven-story zoning ordinance for this area decided on by the community and unanimously approved by the City Council.

The City Council has chosen to loosen its standard review process of questioning those who stand before them. They are siding with an out-of-state developer who has bullied his way into our city. Now he is making demands without having to answer any questions.

Contact your Providence City Council member today and demand they ask these questions:

1. Why won't the developer consider a more appropriate location for a building 6x the height allowed for the area, nearly 1.5x the size of the Superman building? We say: It belongs downtown.

2. What state and/or city subsidies will he request? We say: The RES Groups' report commissioned by the I-395 commission highlights a $40-50 million funding gap.

3. Where is the market study that says a market demand exists for these luxury apartments? We say: This type of luxury housing is not in demand.

4. How will this development NOT have an adverse effect on the new public park land on both sides of the river including the $22M new pedestrian bridge? We say: These amenities are critical to all the city’s residents, businesses, institutions and visitors to Providence. This tower will put the parks on both sides of the river in shade much of the day.

5. Why should the city approve an extreme zoning change for any developer? We say: Granting this request sends a negative message for future development. When the city arbitrarily changes zoning so radically, it’s called ‘spot zoning’ and indicates that the city plays fast and loose with its own set of rules. Nothing scares developers more than this lack of predictability.

We support development in Providence that is smart, appropriate and builds our economy.

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Downtown Neighborhood Association
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