

It was subsequently revealed that the Board of Licenses had not submitted annual reports for four consecutive years, dating back to 2019.

The Board finally submitted the four reports together on Feb. 8, 2023, with coversheets indicating they were being sent to former Mayor Jorge Elorza, on letterhead indicating that Mr. Elorza was still the mayor of Providence — effectively “backdating” them to appear as if they had been submitted during the previous mayoral administration.

Was the City Council aware the reports had not been submitted each year, as legally required, as part of its oversight function?

If not, why not? Has the Council taken any steps to prevent this from happening in the future?

Why are City Solicitor Mario Martone and private attorney Louis DeSimone still serving as legal counsel to the Board, when they both demonstrably failed over multiple years to ensure that it complied with Providence municipal law by submitting legally required reports on time?

Thank you for your attention to these questions. We look forward to your responses.

[Submitted by e-mail on behalf of the Providence Noise Project]