

PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF PARKING METERS IN THE FEDERAL HILL AREA

Each of the undersigned, possessing a strong personal interest in the continued vitality of the Federal Hill neighborhood, vigorously petition the installed parking meters /kiosks and are petitioning for the immediate removal of all said parking meters.

Federal Hill is long in tradition, a diverse neighborhood of residents-new and old, a cultural destination for a large part of New England and a dynamic, though under-appreciated, economic engine for both the city and the state. Its' traditions, culture, quality of life, and economic prowess has been adversely affected by the implementation of this ill-founded installation.

These parking meters manifests the triumph of finance over the vision of an inclusive "One Providence" articulately promised by the city administration. This installation was promulgated without community involvement; selectively and unfairly targets certain commercial districts rather than being universally implemented; and ignores the clear detrimental impact on the area's traditions, culture, quality of life, and finances of neighborhood residents, businesses and guests. It has been noted by the merchants in the Federal Hill Area that their businesses have declined by 30% and some up to 40% since the installation of these said meters.

I _____ have witnessed each signature of the persons affixed to this document.