



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Ann S. Gooding, Dir. of Communications
401.228.4846 (c) 401.272.3367 (o) agooding@ridemocrats.org

150+ ATTEND GRAND OPENING OF THE STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICES ***Warwick Event Draws Past and Present Officials from all Levels of R.I. Government***

WARWICK, R.I. – Chair Joseph M. McNamara welcomed council members, mayors past and present, state officers and members of the Congressional delegation, along with 150 other Democratic followers yesterday, to the opening of its new, centrally located offices.

The grand opening – which consisted of a cook out and family activities in its new offices – was punctuated by photographs, laughter, food and no speeches. The state Party offices - formerly located at 30 Kennedy Plaza - moved to 200 Metro Center in Warwick - in June, in anticipation of next year’s elections. (The 1600-plus square/foot site formerly housed the *Raimondo for Governor* Campaign headquarters, and consists of several private offices and larger conference rooms.)

“This was a really festive event – food, families, and great political conversations,” said the Party Chair. “Congressmen Langevin and Cicilline, Secretary Gorbea, Speaker Mattiello, Mayor Elorza, representatives of other state officer holders and U.S. Senators, and scores of councilmen and women, and state senators and representatives turned out to celebrate our new location,” he said.

“Being centrally located, close to (Interstate) 95, with lots of free parking, lets volunteers from all across the state take part in the many campaigns for federal, state and local office, and provides these local and state organizations with a great meeting spot,” said the Party Chair. “2016 will be a busy election year and we will need every volunteer we can identify, to get involved and help raise voter participation. This new site will make it easier for folks to get involved.”

The offices are open daily Monday through Friday; for more information or to contact the state Party, email ridemocrats@gmail.com or call 401.272.3367.

*****COVERAGE INVITED*****

###