

# **Dear Institution aka** **Providence College**

*By Magnolia Perez, community member*

Dear institution my neighborhood is not invisible, people, community and yes families live here. Dear institution to whom it may concern Providence College, stop and check your privileged parties and bikini tanning traffic stopping, while we sit quietly on the sidelines. If that was my neighborhood we would get stopped and frisked, if that was my neighborhood we would have real life consequences even resulting in death for our youth, and instead you get a pass and many warnings. I see how you talk back to officers point and hop on ripta for free. As we can't even seat, rest our feet as you overload our buses with your entitled privileged selfs. Your building is tall and takes up all sorts of square feet of half of our buildings in my neighborhood. Check your privilege selfs. My people can't even walk a shortcut anymore, by your streets even the streets are yours. Have your prayers reached our neighborhood, what service or respect have you paid us. We who do exist demand more, more, more respect, dignity and humanity. We just want to catch the bus, we want to take a shortcut to the next road, we promise we won't steal your purses or your expensive purchase from the mall. Please stop drunkenly throwing up on our sidewalks, stop your fights outside bars that draw more police to our streets, that is the last thing we need in our neighborhood. If you ever walk a mile in our shoes, you would understand our point of view. What is to you is not for us, such as loud student parties, and sirens all around always result in our people instead of you the students being harassed and followed. We are clear what our boundaries are, are you clear on yours?

Sincerely, Chad Brown Projects citizens