

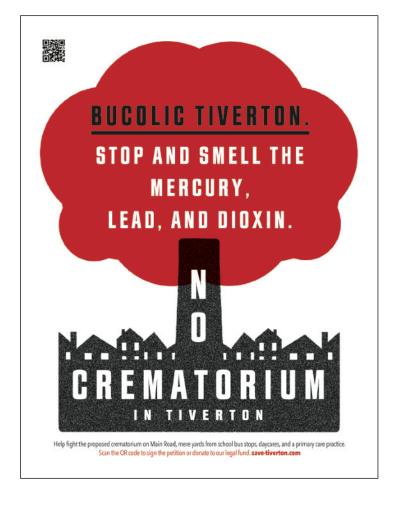
SAVE TIVERTON: STOPPING A CREMATORIUM IN A TINY SEASIDE TOWN

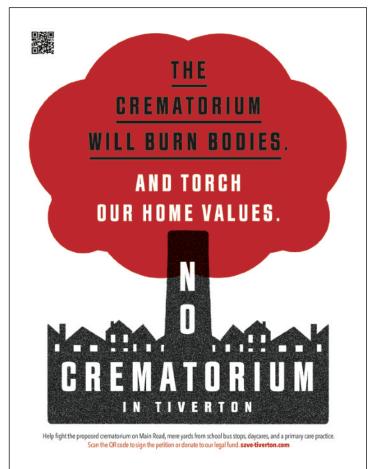
Campaign Objective:

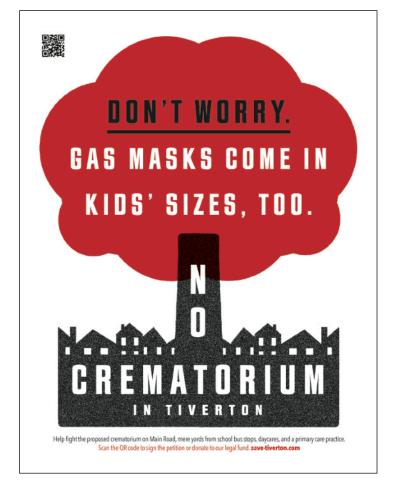
Residents of sleepy Tiverton, RI were blindsided when an out-of-state funeral home operator wanted to put a crematorium in our little seaside town, which is filled with historic homes and rolling farmland. The proposed site is 60' from the nearest homes, and directly across the street from a primary care medical practice and a daycare center. You would be hard pressed to find a worse location for such a business.

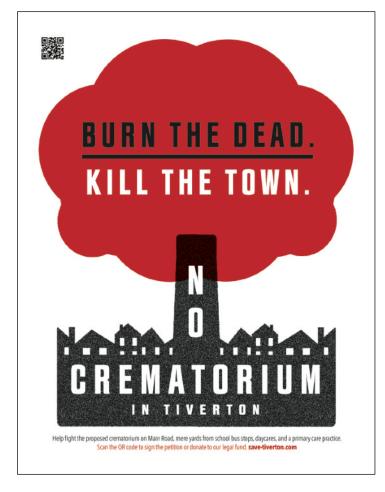
Why? Crematoriums produce toxins such as mercury, lead, dioxin and carcinogenic cytotoxins, many of which are odorless and colorless. Thanks to lobbying by the funeral home industry, crematoriums are not regulated by the EPA, and the state runs no tests to ensure their safety. Yet the use was not prohibited by the town's outdated zoning.

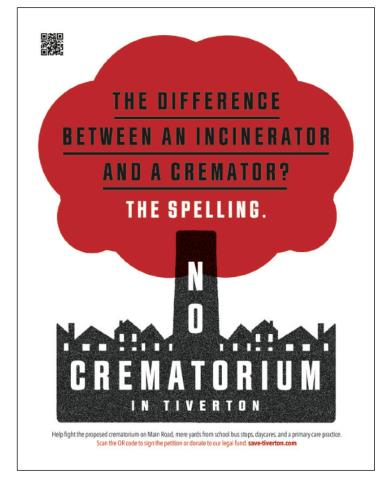
So, we did what any sane person would do: In mere days, we created hard-hitting posters, leaflets, and yard signs to rally neighbors and put pressure on the applicant and the town's elected officials. All materials had a QR code to drive folks to a website to sign our petition and donate to our legal fund.

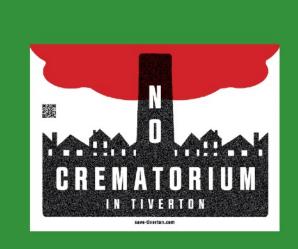














Don't let our quality of life go up in smoke.







About

We're a mix of Tiverton residents, some born and raised, others more recent arrivals. We're mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, grandmothers and grandfathers, business owners and employees, children and caregivers, working people and retirees.

We're united by a love of our town, a respect for our little seaside community, and a strong desire to protect the quality of life we're so lucky to enjoy here.

We're also unanimous in our opposition to a second crematorium in our community, especially one near people's homes, school bus stops, a daycare, and a primary care medical facility.

We're not unreasonable people. But there are just too many unanswered questions about the long-term health implications of burning human remains near people's homes.

Make no mistake: Nobody is saying we shouldn't care for our dead, but just not at the expense of the living.





The proposed crematorium in North Tiverton has garnered significant backlash from residents.

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Results:

- Over 1,250 signatures collected for our online petition on Change .org
- 500 vocal members joined our very active Facebook group
- Over \$10,000 raised on our Go Fund Me page for our legal fund
- Front page news in local newspapers in Providence and Newport
- Local TV coverage on two news stations in Providence
- Town officials are voting to outlaw crematoriums and incinerators as we send in these entries

