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## Official Portrait of Chafee Shows Somber Governor Looking Into The Distance

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Former Gov. Lincoln Chafee said he likes his official portrait. An image of the painting was released online, but the artist has yet to officially present it to the state.

The painting shows a somber Chafee in a jacket and tie looking off to the side against a dark background. Chafee said he and artist Julie Gearan met about four times, she took picture of him, and they looked at other portraits from across the country.

“Well the main thing I said to the artist is just something different from the many that are up there,” said Chafee.

Gearan beat out more than 100 artists vying to paint Chafee’s portrait. Chafee said he looks forward to the official unveiling, which has yet to be scheduled. The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts said Chafee will not be attending the ceremony. Chafee's office had sent RISCA this message, "The governor would like to leave office with a minimum of fanfare and a maximum of opportunity for Governor-elect Raimondo to hit the ground running."