



Executive Order 2017-2  
July 12, 2017

**Establishing the *PVD Gives* Commission**  
Amending Executive Order 2016-4, issued November 14, 2016

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless reported 4,263 Rhode Islanders experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, HousingWorksRI estimates that 57 percent of Providence renters and 49 percent of Providence home owners are considered cost burdened; and

WHEREAS, a stable home is a predictor of positive childhood development, adult well-being, and health status later in life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence is launching a citywide donation initiative, *PVD Gives*, in order to facilitate charitable giving to local service providers who provide critical housing and social supports to those in need; and

WHEREAS, donations collected through *PVD Gives*, both online and through “donation stations” located throughout the city, will be allocated through a competitive grants process to proven successful housing and social support service providers; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2016, I issued Executive Order No. 2016-4, creating the *PVD Gives* Commission; and

WHEREAS, that Executive Order now requires amendment to clarify responsibility for funds distribution authorization;

NOW THEREFORE, do I, Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor of the City of Providence, order the following, effective immediately:

1. The *PVD Gives* Commission is hereby created.
2. The goals and duties of the Commission shall include the following:
  - a. The Commission will serve to distribute funds collected through *PVD Gives* by facilitating a semi-annual competitive grants process; and
  - b. The Commission will review applications and relevant organizational materials to recommend proven, successful service providers for funding based on each organization’s needs and programming offered.
3. The Commission shall meet no less than twice per year.
4. The Commission shall be chaired by the Mayor or his designee. The Commission shall include three (3) members appointed by the Mayor and one (1) member appointed by the City Council President.
5. Members of the Commission shall serve a term of two (2) years. No member of the board shall continue in office after his or her term expires without being reappointed.
6. Funds collected through *PVD Gives* will be distributed as directed by the chair of the *PVD Gives* Commission.
7. This Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until it is repealed.

  
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Jorge O. Elorza  
Mayor

Dated: July 12, 2017

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.  
  
CLERK