

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 59

Approved February 10, 2021

WHEREAS, On December 21st, 2020, Governor Raimondo signed a state budget for the 2021 fiscal year that restored funding to cities and towns, used federal coronavirus relief funds to aid struggling Rhode Islanders, and did not raise taxes; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the FY21 budget, there were also seven bond referendums regarding \$400 million in bonds for education, affordable housing, green infrastructure, transportation, and other initiatives that will be put before voters in a special election on March 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, On their March special election Ballot, Providence voters will see ballot question #3 asking if they support the proposed \$65 million bond for affordable housing throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, If approved by the voters, the \$65 million bond will include \$45 million dedicated to the construction and maintenance of affordable housing units, with another \$20 million allocated for community revitalization projects such as mixed use community hubs and interconnective streetscapes; and

WHEREAS, If approved by the voters, the \$65 million housing bond will signal the commitment of the people of Rhode Island to providing adequate housing opportunities for all Rhode Islanders which is essential to building a foundation for our recovery as a State coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council encourages all residents to vote "Yes" on Question #3 of the March ballot referendum to approve the proposed \$65-million bond for affordable housing throughout the State of Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Providence, each member of the Providence Delegation, the Honorable Rhode Island Speaker of the House and the Rhode Island Senate President.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor
Date:
2/10/21