

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 121

Approved February 9, 1995

WHEREAS, There are many instances of violation of law which, in addition to being criminal violations, constitute a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, Such judicial review of such violations might be better pursued through a system of community courts, as is posited in the attached proposal; and

WHEREAS, The Council is of the opinion that such proposition merits further study; and

WHEREAS, Rule 27 of said Rules of the City Council provides for the creation of study commissions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Rule 27 of the Rules of the City Council a *Study Commission on A Community Court System* is hereby created.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the purpose and charge of said Study Commission shall be to advise the City Council on the practicality of implementing a community court system in the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said Study Commission shall consist of five (5) Councilpersons; the Mayor or his designee; a member of a social services agency located in the City of Providence; the Commissioner of Public Safety; the City Solicitor; the Internal Auditor; a business person from the downtown area; the Majority Leader of the Rhode Island House of Representatives or his designee and the Speaker of the Rhode Island Senate or his designee,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Providence City Council shall appoint the aforementioned members and shall designate a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of said Study Commission,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any and all reports from said Study Commission shall be submitted to the City Council by filing said reports with the City Clerk not later than September 1, 1995,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the term of said Study Commission shall expire on January 1, 1996.

Concurrence Forbade

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Feb. 3, 1994
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Michael L. Clement CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
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PRES.
Michael L. Clement
CLERK

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Vincenzo A. Cianci
MAYOR

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WHEREAS, The City of New York, on September 30, 1993, along with then Mayor David Dinkins and the Chief Judge of New York, dedicated the Midtown Community Court, and

WHEREAS, The Court will bring persons charged with low level crimes to justice in the neighborhood in which the incidents occur, and

WHEREAS, Producing greater efficiency, visibility and accountability, building on the example of Community Policing, the Court will mobilize local residents, business and social service providers to collaborate with the Criminal Justice System, and

WHEREAS, By developing and supervising community service projects and by providing drug treatment, healthcare, education and other services to defendants, and

WHEREAS, Although low-level crime garners few headlines, offenses like prostitution, illegal vending, graffiti, shoplifting, farebeating and vandalism undermine urban life, and

WHEREAS, Crimes like these, epidemic to the Business (Downtown Area) of the City and cause the quality of life for pedestrians, motorists, tourists, shopkeepers, residents, theater-goers, commuters and others who inhabit, work in or pass through the area, and

WHEREAS, The Court will attempt to divert offenders from involvement of the criminal justice system by engaging them in drug treatment, medical services, homeless services, etc., and

WHEREAS, The Court will have the ability to mandate participation in these groups and to enroll defendants in on-going treatment, education and/or prevention programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council study the feasibility of the creation of a Providence Community Court System which may and possibly decrease low-level crimes in our neighborhood and business area.