

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 187

Approved May 3, 2001

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Public Safety is requested to research and make recommendations on the feasibility of creating a "HATE-CRIMES UNIT" within the Providence Police Department for the upcoming 2001-2002 budget, and

WHEREAS, The "HATE-CRIMES UNIT" will perform the following functions, including, but not limited to creating educational programs concerning Hate-Crimes, will investigate and help with the prosecution of perpetrators of Hate Crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the purpose of the "HATE-CRIMES UNIT" is to protect the rights and liberties of the citizens of the City of Providence to live in a society free from persecution and prejudices based on race, sex, age, religion, ethnicity, disability or sexual orientation.

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WHEREAS, School violence ending in the tragic death of young people is increasingly prominent nationwide, and

WHEREAS, Many experts believe a cause of school violence to be a reaction to bullying, and

WHEREAS, Several states, such as Colorado, Georgia, New Hampshire and Washington are enacting, or have enacted, legislation that requires local school districts to establish programs that address bullying, and

WHEREAS, Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly are considering sponsoring similar legislation, and

WHEREAS, The Providence School Department does not have a cohesive, structured and unified district-wide approach to address bullying, nor a formal anti-violence initiative or program in place, and

WHEREAS, The safety and protection of our students is of the utmost importance, and

WHEREAS, All our students have the need and right to attend a learning environment which is free from bullying, harassment and intimidation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Providence City Council do hereby request that the Superintendent of the Providence School Department, along with the Chairperson and Members of the Providence School Board:

1. Assess the current anti-violence programs utilized by the various Providence schools.
2. Investigate and study programs used by other school districts nationwide that promote the prevention of bullying, harassment and intimidation.
3. Devise a district-wide program that will address the above-mentioned issues and includes teacher training and student curriculum.
4. Create a structured implementation plan and evaluation tool.

Council President Jankowski

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THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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WHEREAS, a skating facility has been designed and constructed by the Parks Department of the City of Providence in Kennedy Plaza between Biltmore and Burnside Parks; and

WHEREAS, the skating facility has been operational since the fall of 1998; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the skating facility was partially financed through a ten-year, \$1.8 million, commercial loan from Fleet Bank; and

WHEREAS, all revenue from the skating facility is used to fund the daily operations of the facility and to pay the annual debt service; and

WHEREAS, the revenue generated from the skating facility has not been sufficient to fund both the daily operations and the debt service of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the skating facility is no longer managed by Ogden Entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the skating facility is an asset of the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, His Honor, is hereby authorized to transfer the management of the skating facility to the Parks Department.

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