

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 2

Approved January 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Providence's first-ever Newcomer Academy was founded in 2022 to provide exceptional Career and Technical Education opportunities that cater to the unique needs of multilingual learners from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Oscar Paz has been involved with running the Newcomer Academy since it was established, and he has shown incredible leadership and a profound ability to connect with the many diverse students who pass through the academy; and

WHEREAS, Having spent over 29 years living in Providence and working in the Providence Public School District as a teacher and administrator, it is Director Paz's deep professional experience as well as his own personal experience as an immigrant that informs his exceptional ability to transform the lives of so many students; and

WHEREAS, As the City has worked to adapt to the changing landscape of our student body, the Newcomer Academy and Executive Director Oscar Paz have been essential to creating a learning environment capable of meeting all the needs of Providence's youth; and

WHEREAS, The Newcomer Academy prepares students for the careers, college, and life; and

WHEREAS, They are career-oriented through their critical role in Career and Technical Education which equips students with practical skills, hands-on experience, and real-world knowledge that will help Providence's future; and

WHEREAS, They are college-oriented by providing students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to attend college, and become active contributors to their communities; and

WHEREAS, They are life-oriented in their commitment to foster an environment of respect, understanding, and cooperation, promoting lifelong learning, and embracing the richness of diversity in all aspects of our educational endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Our City and our City's youth are made undeniably stronger by the work of the Newcomer Academy and Executive Oscar Paz.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence formally recognizes and celebrated the contributions of the Newcomer Academy and Executive Director Oscar Paz.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this Resolution be sent to the office of the Mayor, to the Providence Public School Department, the Rhode Island Department of Education, Oscar Paz, and The Newcomer Academy.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 04 2024

READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 1/12/2024