

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 130

Approved March 30, 2023

WHEREAS, The public health and economic conditions brought on by the pandemic have exacerbated the housing crisis citywide, causing displacement and impacting residents' ability to maintain adequate housing; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining a diversity of housing options throughout the City, preserving and expanding affordable housing, is critical to community health, neighborhood wellbeing, and ensuring all households have safe and adequate housing; and

WHEREAS, Housing costs have risen substantially over the last two years and according to the Rhode Island Realtors, in June of 2022 the Providence Metro area had the fifth highest year-over-year rental cost increase in the country at 23.8 percent; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is a majority renter community, with 47 percent of our renter households experiencing housing cost burden, which increases vulnerability to housing insecurity and undermines neighborhood stability; and

WHEREAS, The shortage of affordable housing units and the rise in eviction filings have led to an unprecedented increase in residents experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes the urgent need to address this crisis and work towards solutions to improve access to stable housing.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby establish the City of Providence Housing Crisis Task Force the purpose of which shall be to provide guidance and recommend action steps to the city government which are collaborative and complementary with the efforts at the State level to improve access to housing for all households in need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence Housing Crisis Task Force shall be comprised of:

- Councilwoman Mary-Kay Harris
- Councilman Pedro Espinal
- Councilwoman Althea Graves
- Councilwoman Shelley Peterson
- Councilor Justin Roias

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 3/20/2023